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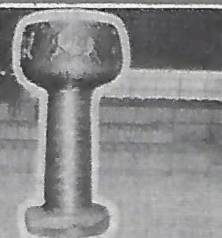
## Krncevic hits the big time

The players are, from left, back row: Dragan Bošnjak, Marjan Kurtela, Miroslav Stjepan, Milan Calasan, Zoran Panic, Srjesko Corin, Zeljko Hohnjac. Middle row: Josip Cokovic (physio), Tomislav Ivkovic, Zvezdan Cvetkovic, Eddie Krncevic, Hrvoje Dragicevic, Emil Dragicevic, Davor Braun, Milivoj Bracun, Marjan Vlak, Rudi Belin (assistant coach). Front row: Drago Dumbovic, Ismet Hadzic, Pero Brucic, Zlatko Kranjcar, Miroslav 'Ciro' Blazevic (manager-coach), Velimir Zajec (captain), Stjepan Deveric, Marko Milmaric, Daznel Mustedanagic. Soccerroo Eddie Krncevic has achieved what no other Aus-

tralian-born player can match. He is the first Australian to play First Division soccer on the Continent.

Krncevic recently broke through into the Dinamo Zagreb team which won the Yugoslav championship. He also played in Zagreb's Marshal Tito Cup final against Red Star Belgrade (see story page 4).

The tall striker transferred earlier this year from Marconi, which had bought him from Melbourne Croatia. Krncevic (fourth from left, middle row), is pictured below with the champion Dinamo team.



## Hellas meets the man who got away

Ted MacDougall, the star striker who scored 256 goals in 535 English league games, will lead the St George Budeapest attack against South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

And if he scores, he will do so against the team which lost him after signing him just over a week ago (see page 2).

MacDougall and his attacking partner, Des Marton, however, will miss the midfield support of Mark Barton who is out of action with a knee injury and probably will need an operation.

Barton was injured against Wollongong last Sunday and it is likely that Paul Wilkinson will move from attack to take Barton's midfield position.

MacDougall should be a star attraction for supporters of the seven British teams with which he played — Blackpool, Bournemouth, Southampton, Norwich City, West Ham, Man-

chester United and York City. He also played for Scotland.

MacDougall set up both goals for Saints against Wollongong last week and generally did enough to impress his coach Frank Arok, a shrewd judge of football talent.

Arok says of him: "He is very strong in the air, and his shooting is excellent. He doesn't need much space to do damage, and his passing is very good under pressure."

But Saints also have lost Hungarian star Lajos Koritar who has returned home because his mother is ill.

Arok is laying the foundations for St George's future as a top-class team, just as he did in the sixties. "I hope to sign two more youngsters as talented as Robbie Slater within the next few weeks, and I have 14 excellent 16-year-olds on the books, all of whom take turns training with the senior team every week," he said.

Hellas is likely to have Steve Wooddin back in its team on Sunday. He returned from New Zealand last week but was not included against Heidelberg.



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## MacDougall, Marton — a deadly duo

After weeks of negotiating with various clubs, former Scottish international Ted MacDougall finally signed with St. George Budapest late last week.

MacDougall, formerly of Southampton, Manchester United, West Ham, and Norwich where he was top scorer in the First Division, teams up with another goal machine, Dez Marton.

MacDougall is pictured at right in the colors of Southampton, at left on a visit to Saudi Arabia with former England captain Bobby Moore at left on the camel, and below with some of the players he played alongside in Scotland's match against Portugal in May, 1975.



## Wooddin, Bennett to face Cosmos

Tim White's or Bobby McLachlan's presence at any game in the next few weeks should inspire top performances by the players.

White, the Victorian coaching director, still has three places to fill in the State squad preparing for a game against New York Cosmos in October.

Those places will go to the players who most impress him.

White and his assistant McLachlan last week named 15 players for the Cosmos game.

They include two newcomers, full back Gerry Bennett and striker Steve Wooddin, both of South Melbourne Hellas.

John Yzendoorn of Heidelberg also was included, although he is injured at the moment. White said he hoped Yzendoorn would recover in time for the game.

The squad is: Goalkeeper: Jeff Oliver (Heidelberg).

Defenders: Charlie Yankos, John Yzendoorn (Heidelberg), Steve Blair, Gerry Bennett (Hellas), John Gardiner (Ajax).

Midfielders: Jim Campbell (Heidelberg), Alan Davidson (Hellas), Zoran Illoski (J.U.S.T.), Ken Murphy (Croatia).

Forwards: Gary Cole (Heidelberg), Charlie Egan, Steve Wooddin, George Campbell, (Hellas), Doug Brown (Macedonia).

Those omitted from the squad that met Watford earlier this year are Scott Patterson (Box Hill), Peter Lewis, Stewart Cannell, Peter Boyle (Ajax), Dennis Boland, Igor Hazabent (J.U.S.T.), Alun Evans (Hellas), Vince Bannon (Juventus) and Keith Adams (Croatia).

Many of them have been replaced by Heidelberg players who were withheld from the squad by their club last time.

They and a number of others however, are still in the running for the remaining three positions.

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At least that's the opinion of some of the players.



Willie Wallace

The abuse heaped on coach Willie Wallace by APIA supporters reflects the growing frustration of people longing to be a winner again.

Many of the Italian community, who supported APIA in its hey day in the late 60's and early 70's, had returned this year to support a team of which once more they could be proud.

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## HAS WILLIE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO COMEBACK?

Wallace's skin is no thicker than that of anyone else. It is internal self esteem which makes a man hold his head up and say "well I did my very best, how about you?"

The loss through injury of Greg Woodhouse and Peter Wilson must have had an enormous influence on recent results at APIA.

However, that is the nature of the job and in the situation Willie Wallace found himself, with die-hard supporters yearning for the success which has gone the way of fellow Italian club Marconi, it always was going to be an environment fraught with risk.

Doug Collins is in a similar situation at Sydney Olympic where the Greek supporters recently tasted, at last the joy of being top dog, if only for a few days and will not now tolerate the fade outs which have characterised so many seasons for the Greek club.

APIA and Sydney Olympic cannot both win this year's Philips league, indeed it is obvious that neither will do so.

The passion of their supporters to at least make the top four is, whether we like it or not, the essence of our soccer.

Australia is already a multi national country, with increasing numbers of Lebanese, Vietnamese, Koreans, Asians and Arabs now joining the already massed groups of Britains Yugoslavs, Croatians, Greeks and Italians in our community.

It is becoming outdated to talk of "Australians" our soccer.

At least that's the opinion of some of the players.

Mike Johnson

## World Cup Stats



## Mundial '82 a feast for 'Golden Oldies'

The Mundial of 1982 is over. It lives on in memories of joy or disappointment among participants and spectators — and in statistics.

The experts already are busy trying to evaluate the biggest ever World Cup competition and much of their discussion is based on facts and figures.

Our job is not to announce judgement, but to help our readers in their post mortems by collecting a handful of these.

The 12th World Cup saw the debut of the 24 team final. Allowing the lucky participants to nominate 22 players each, but only 522 actually landed in Spain. El Salvador, Poland and West Germany did not fill their quota.

A total of 396 players actually saw action, or — to look at it from the other perspective — no less than 126 were "tourists" for the duration.

France's Michel Hidalgo was the biggest "softie" among the 24 managers, after all no less than 21 of his players actually played at one time or another. The Gauls were closely followed by the Belgians and the Czechs, 20 of whose players managed to add to their collection of international caps. As for the rest: Spain 19, Austria and Poland 18, England, Northern Ireland, Hungary and Scotland 17, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Honduras, West Germany, El Salvador and the Soviet Union 16, Italy, New Zealand 15, Yugoslavia and Kuwait 14, with Cameroon and Peru throwing into battle the fewest number of players with 13 each.

Only 131 players played every minute of every match in which their countries participated. Of the top four nations Poland's Mlynarczyk, Majewski, Zmuda, Janas, Lato and Buncol, as well as Italy's Zoff, Scirea, Cabrini and Conti spent the full 90 minutes of each match in action. West Germany's Schumacher, Kaltz, Stielike, K. Forster and France's Tresor also had to undergo the full ordeal of extra time in the semi-final, with the five of them each spending a grand total of 11 hours in action.

It is interesting to note that of the 15 ever presents none were strikers! As for the expected stars of the tournament, such as Maradona, Kempes, Rossi, Boniek, Rummenigge, Zico and Keegan, all had to be out of action for shorter, or longer periods for various reasons, such as injury, loss of form, or suspension. But didn't Rossi, for one, make up for it in the end?

Mundial '82 was also a festival for veterans, players who were appearing at their third World Cup tournament. How about this list of Golden Oldies? Dirceu Lopez (Brazil), Zoff and Causio (Italy), Kempes (Argentina), Zmuda, Lato, Szarmach (Poland), Cubillas (Peru), Figueroa (Chile), Dalglish and Jordan (Scotland). The two legendary Italians, one would suppose, had their swansong — and what better way of leaving the international big time than with a World Championship gold medal?

Never before had the "Foreign Legionnaires" of football been as prominent in the World Cup as they were this year. Of the nominated players 88 earn their crust playing football away from their mother countries, no less than 19 of the 24 teams utilised "legionnaires", with the Irish leading the way with only four members of their squad actually playing at home. Half the Algerian and Scottish squads were also imported for the occasion, but there were seven "guest workers" among the Austrian, Yugoslav and Cameroon players, too. Hungary was next on the list with six "visitors" followed by Argentina and New Zealand with five each.

Kuwait, Spain, the Soviet Union, Chile and Italy selected only players from their own clubs.

Apart from the leagues of the 24 participants, players from the north American, Swiss, Australian, Portuguese, Mexican, Guatemala and Ivory Coast soccer championships also travelled to Spain.

The cosmopolitan nature of the World Cup is further emphasised by the number of foreign born and naturalised players in the statistics. Just think of New Zealand, for starters, but then there is also Kuwait's Al Tarabulsi (born in Lebanon), Italy's Gentile (Libya), Peru's Quiroga (Argentina), the Algerian duo of Kourchi and Fergani (France), Austrian Krauss (Germany), the home team's Lopez Ufarte (Morocco), Irish star Nicholl (Canada), the brilliant Frenchman Tigana (Mali), as well as his countrymen Lopez and Larrios, who were both born in Algeria.

Truly, the World Cup belongs to the whole world!

NEXT WEEK: Goals, goals, goals — and the Yellow Peril!



Gerry Bennett





Jimmy Rooney (left), then Australia's captain, introduces a couple of koalas to Trevor Cherry of England.

Let's talk about loyalty and tradition for the people whose feats in Australia deserve such recognition.

Unfortunately, the boot in the behind seems to be more acceptable in Australian soccer than the slap on the back.

It hasn't always been so.

In the early years, players stuck with their clubs and vice-versa.

Today it is rare indeed to see a former star player progressing into a more responsible position with his club after he has hung up his boots.

Yet the lesson of the leading overseas clubs teaches us that tradition and continuity are all-important, that such tradition breeds success.

Bayern Munich for example, has its former midfielder star Uli Hoessner in the manager's chair. His brother Dieter has taken up on the field where Uli left off. And Paul Breitner, although he tried his luck with other clubs, has returned to Bayern, his home.

Gianni Rivera progressed from the playing field to the presidency of AC Milan. Drazil, Sekularac and Popovic are on the coaching staff of Red Star and if Dine Zoff ever dies, he'll die at Juventus.

There are exceptions of course. Beckenbauer and Cruyff simply cashed in on their names, without showing much loyalty to their origins. Cruyff, to his credit, now has returned to Ajax.

There were examples of loyalty in the Australian soccer in the six-

ties, when it would have been unthinkable to see Stankovic play with any club other than JUST, or Nestoridis and Margeritis shifting from Hellas in their glory years or Janczyk playing with anyone but Polonia.

It is the Jimmy Rooney case that prompts me to talk about loyalty and club tradition.

Rooney was given a painful kick in the rear by the then national coach when he was Soccerro captain and in line for his 100th national team game. He was written off like some old car.

Now the same has happened to him at Heidelberg. The club was close to challenging for the title when he was playing. It sacked Rooney and now Heidelberg is 10 points behind. Rooney coached Hei-

# TRADITION'S KICKED IN THE BEHIND

delberg, along with Pat Bannon. Rooney, feeling he was not 100 per cent ready, took the sensible step of moving down to coach Heidelberg's Second Division team, preparing himself for the future. If you do that, you are demonstrating your loyalty to the club, surely. You are demonstrating that you want to stay.

But, having already booted out another long-serving star, Pat Bannon, Heidelberg also axed Rooney.

When I left Adelaide City, my strong recommendation was that John Perin and no-one else, should take over as coach, because Perin represented 18 years of club tradition, which no club can afford to throw away.

These are people we cannot afford to lose. If they are not used as coaches, then they should be used in other capacities — as managers, or committee men, even as presidents.

Footscray JUST has kept its own particular style of play over the years because of its sense of tradition and because of the loyalty of key people over the years — people like Milenko Ruzmirc, Cedo Kerkovic and Tony Kovac, as well as others.

Sudden, spectacular changes always cause problems in soccer. It happened so often at ever-changing Hellas and Juventus in Victoria has failed to find the right rhythm for over a decade because of the many changes at that club.

And so I repeat that tradition is crucial, and that such tradition can be promoted only through and by people with pride in the club they serve — people who feel and are made to feel that they belong.

Yet so many great players are discarded or simply allowed to drift away because no-one gives them that feeling of belonging.

People like Jimmy Rooney and Peter Wilson have grown up with Australian soccer and they stand tall, as monuments to what sport should be all about. Yet so often, the sport itself knocks down its

own monuments, leaving a wasteland in their place.

Branko Buljevic is another player who was not being shown the respect he has earned over 15 years in Australian soccer. He was on the bench more often than not, yet his own feeling for the sport made him sit out the storm, made him endure through it all and now he again is proving to be one of the finest players in Australian soccer. That sort of dedication and that sort of stature deserves the highest of accolades.

But where is the acclaim for Eddie Krnoevic, who served Australia with such distinction and who now is a senior player with Dinamo Zagreb, the top team in Yugoslavia? Where is the recognition for Peter Sharpe who became the most popular player in Hong Kong, among a galaxy of international stars?

Instead of lavishing our praises on these home-grown heroes, we lavish it instead on Craig Johnston who left Australia at a young age and who never has done as much for the game here as Krnoevic and Sharpe.

I had lunch recently with an eminent Sydney



## RALE RASIC

journalist who told me that some years ago, a visiting English player who had guest games for Western Suburbs, wanted \$10 for an interview. Johnston, says this journalist, asked for \$1000.

Johnston was well paid during his guest stint here, yet Frank Arok and his St George team were criticised for marking Johnston too tightly, for not allowing him to show all his ability.

Does Johnston get any other treatment when he plays in England? Certainly not. If Mike O'Shea marked him too tightly, then Mike O'Shea did his job well, and he should be congratulated instead of criticised.

And if Craig Johnston is given adulation, then surely Krnoevic and Sharpe deserve even more.

## Campbell's now an Eagle

Ernie Campbell is one of the last playing links Australia has with the World Cup finals.

He was there in 1974 when Australia made it to West Germany and the final 16 of the World Cup, and he has started a new chapter of his career with Melita Eagles.

Campbell was born in Sydney, 32 years ago and began playing for his school team at Annandale.

He joined Canterbury Juniors and while playing in a curtain-raiser he was spotted by the then visiting Chelsea manager, Tommy Docherty.

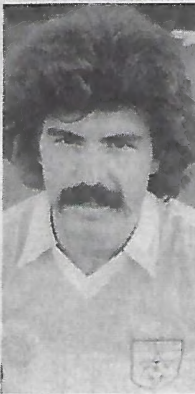
Together with another youngster, Colin Minor, Ernie went to the London club Chelsea on a one-year

apprenticeship, arranged by the "Doc".

Back in Australia he joined Apia and for seven years success was never very far away. During these years Apia managed to win every conceived honor available.

In 1972, for the first time, Ernie changed clubs, from Apia to Marconi. Next stop was Sydney City and in 1980 Raul Blanco, took Ernie to St George Budapest and eventually back to State League when St George was relegated.

"He is one of the friendliest souls in soccer, a quiet fellow with a ready smile and a warm greeting. At 32 he is still somewhat shy, a far cry from his open faced image on the field," is how "Soccer World" described him in a feature that had his photograph on the front page.



Ernie Campbell "Soccer World" continued — "Only his long, flaming, red hair envelop-

ing his head like a flaming tiara gives out a hint of temper".

It was his temper that got Ernie and Melita Eagles into trouble at Gabbie Stadium when he received his marching orders in only his third game with the club.

Some would say Ernie still hasn't settled at the Eagles. His transfer made the headlines and a lot is expected of him by the fans. His presence in the side nonetheless is obviously felt, not only by the players but also by opposing teams.

The World Cup final weekend recently no doubt brought back memories of eight years ago when at Hamburg's Volkspark-stadion wearing the gold and green of Australia, Ernie Campbell was there with the best in the world.



Uli Hoessner of West Germany breaks away from Soccerro Jimmy Mackay during the 1974 World Cup. Hoessner now manages Bayern Munich.

## McCurdy of Northcote: Ireland's best in '80

By PAUL MOON

Northern Ireland's splendid World Cup run must have been viewed poignantly by Northcote newcomer Colin McCurdy, for if the Mundial had been held two years earlier, he almost certainly would have been a member of Ireland's squad.

McCurdy was a relatively late arrival on the senior football scene, first playing for Linfield early in 1975-76 season as a 21-year-old. Despite a short period on loan to Cliftonville, he made 25 appearances and scored 14 goals for the famous blues of Windsor Park during that initial campaign. Still, a place in the first team was not assured and consequently he moved to Larne in the summer of 1976.

In the County Antrim coastal resort his career flourished and after being here for just over a year, McCurdy caught the eye of Fulham which paid an undisclosed fee to bring him across the Irish Sea.

Within a week of his arrival in London, the Ulsterman found himself pitched into a Second Division clash at Southampton. Unfortunately he floundered badly and was substituted.

Fulham did not give him another chance and in May 1978 his contract was cancelled.

The South West London club's loss was America's gain for McCurdy joined Philadelphia Fury and was an immediate success. Play-

ing alongside Alan Ball, Peter Osgood and Johnny Giles, he prospered in Pennsylvania; scoring 11 goals before family problems necessitated a return to Belfast after less than a year in the States.

Linfield was quick to offer terms to its former player, who re-signed in sufficient time to help the club secure the Irish League championship.

This, though, was merely the prelude to a momentous 1979-80 season in which Linfield won four of the five trophies at stake in the province, with McCurdy its potent spearhead.

His goal tally of 35 included scores in both the Irish Cup and Hennessey Gold Cup finals.

Little wonder then that the Northern Ireland Professional Footballers' Association named the powerful, speedy striker as its "Footballer of the Year".

Further honors followed. McCurdy was called into the Northern Ireland squad which was to win the Home International Series outright for the first time in 66 years, although not required to play.

An international debut could not be delayed long though and the green jersey was donned at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide on June

18, 1980. McCurdy grabbed the winner as Australia was defeated 2-1.

His fame spread further during the Irish League's Canadian tour two months later when scoring the goal which sunk Canada at St John's Newfoundland.

It was the emergence of Burnley's Billy Hamilton, a striker of similar type, which pushed McCurdy out of the Irish national squad. Manager Billy Bingham deciding that both could not be accommodated and the younger, more consistent Hamilton got the nod.

In July, 1981, McCurdy moved across Belfast to join Crusaders. With Linfield he had clocked up well over 120 games, including European Cup appearances against Dundalk and Nantes.

Form displayed in the red and black of Crusaders was enigmatic and with civil unrest in the Ulster showing no signs of respite, the opportunity of a move to Melbourne was welcomed by McCurdy, who had liked what he had seen while in Australian on tour.

Eighteen months ago McCurdy was reported to be negotiating with an unnamed Sydney club to spend two months there as a guest player but these plans were quashed by a ban on temporary transfers imposed by the Irish Federation.



Colin McCurdy (right) at training with team-mates Spence (left) and McClelland during Northern Ireland's 1980 Australian tour.



## Penalty — and they chanted for Eddie

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Former Socceroo Eddie Krncevic is a full time professional with Yugoslav league champion Dinamo Zagreb and has taken the first steps towards establishing himself as a first team regular.

Krncevic had a training stint with Dinamo last year before joining the club earlier this season.

Melbourne businessman Harry Mirka, an avid Croatia and Dinamo fan, paid Krncevic's Australian club, Marconi, \$30,000 to release the promising striker to try his luck in the big time.

Krncevic was seen in action with Dinamo on channel 0/28's World Soccer show last week in the second leg of the Marshall Tito Cup, won 6-4 on aggregate by Red Star.

Yugoslav magazine "Tempo" used Krncevic as the subject for a major feature in a recent issue.

"In Australia I always had a soft spot for Dinamo," said Krncevic in the feature.

"Dinamo had seem me play with the Australian team during its world tour two years ago and the club showed an interest in signing me when it toured Australia last year.

"I have really settled well into my new surroundings in Zagreb. I have found a new set of friends and I don't have any problems with the language," added the Australian born striker whose parents

come from Zadar, near the Adriatic coast.

"I'm here to learn. I know that I don't have the technique of the other players but with hard work and the good coaching I get I can improve enough to become a first-team regular.

"Most coaching in Australia is based on the physical, English method. Too much training is done without a ball. Coaches like Frank Arok at St George and Don Kapetanovic at Marconi are bringing in more emphasis on ball work.

"Football is my first love. I don't care what shirt number I carry on my back but because of my height I'd like to play as a striker because I think that my heading ability is my strength. The way midfielders play in Yugoslavia I think that I could score a lot of goals."

Krncevic already is a proven scorer in Australian soccer. He first sprang to prominence with Melbourne Croatia in the Victorian State League when transferred to Marconi in 1980. He has made 33 appearances for Australia, 17 in full internationals, and scored 17 goals.



Eddie Krncevic (second from right) and the Cups he helped Melbourne Croatia win in 1978. From left: Ante Bilaver, Brian Davidson, Ken Murphy, Tommy Cumming, Krncevic, Yanka Banovic.

It looked likely earlier this year that Melbourne Croatia would win back his services but when the chance to sign with Dinamo came along there was no holding Krncevic back.

The striker played well for Dinamo when it beat Eintracht Frankfurt 2-1 in Germany but his best game was against Swiss First Division club Grasshoppers. Dinamo was in superb touch that day, hammering the Swiss side 6-1. When a penalty was awarded, Dinamo supporters started chanting for

Krncevic to take it. He did and made no mistake.

In the feature in "Tempo" Krncevic saved his criticism for the standard of refereeing is very poor and the referees here need to do much better to reach Australian standards.

"I was surprised by the demanding training sessions when I first arrived but it's so much easier to train and play with players of a higher quality.

"I've got to emphasise that I'm here to learn. I don't have enough football knowledge yet but I'm doing my best to learn quickly.

"I would dearly love to play for Yugoslavia but unfortunately I can't, having already played for Australia."

Krncevic is the first Australian-born player to play in the first team of a continental First Division club.

Let's wish him well because, in Europe, he's carrying the flag for Australian soccer players. His success will be a measure of the potential of our kids to hit the big time.

Personally I can't wait to watch him in action again on World Soccer.

Eddie Krncevic (right) wins a header for Marconi against Alan Davidson (left) and Arthur Xanthopoulos of Hellas.

## Clayton's 11 — the team you have when your not having a team

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Here is an all star line-up made up of coaches from Victoria's State League. Unfortunately for soccer lovers this outstanding combination is unlikely to be seen in action. Nevertheless this outfit is a lesson for all of today's players — enjoy it while you can!

Mijo Kis from Melbourne Croatia was the unanimous choice as coach. Well, almost. The coach's selection panel included former Socceroo Billy Votjek who was keen to get the job. Kis accepted the position with full knowledge that he will be aided by a 52-member technical committee with a frame of reference encompassing team selection, substitutions, tactics, buying and selling of players, training techniques and a host of other trivial yet related tasks.

Goalkeeper Bill McArthur comes from Croydon He was with Croatia earlier this year until a sudden transfer to Croydon. McArthur is in goal because he was adamant that he should play on the left side of our midfield trio. Coach Kis wanted to play McArthur at full back. McArthur's stand annoyed Kis who stuck to his guns, consulted his technical committee, then put McArthur in goal.

Bobby McLachlan was quoted as saying that there's no truth in rumors that Kis will be sacked and replaced by the little Ajax dynamo. The tigerish McLachlan was selected as sweeper because Kis singled him out as the best talker in the squad.



Left back Jim Adam — on the overlap.

As we went to press we were unable to clear the clouds hanging over the availability of McLachlan for the opening game on Saturday.

On the morning of the match McLachlan is being interviewed by 3LO, 3EA, 3DB and Sam Papsavas. In the afternoon Channel 0/28 is filming the pilot episode of its proposed new series "The Life and Times of Robert McLachlan" and later in the day McLachlan has granted audiences to Laurie Schwab, Peter Desira, George Wallace and Joao Havelange.

There's a strong rumor about that McLachlan could be transferred to Morwell Falcons at the end of the season.

Frank Munro was a surprise selection as stopper. Coach Kis only recently returned from a spell in Sydney and probably isn't aware that Munro plays only half a game nowadays. Munro is reported to be keen to return to his old stamping ground at South

Victorian coaches eleven:

Bill McARTHUR (Croydon)			
Ernie MERRICK (Doveton)	Bobby McLACHLAN (Ajax)	Frank MUNRO (Albion)	Jim ADAM (H-Hakoah)
Dave O'CONNOR (Falcona)	Tony BOGGI (Juve)	Harry CHALKITIS (Frankston)	
Kaz KOWALEC (Polonia)	GAW-POCOCK (Sunshine)	Tony VELLA (G. Cross)	
COACH: Mijo Kis (Croatia)			
SUBSTITUTE: Billy Millen (Northcote)			

Melbourne Hellas which means that his defensive pairing alongside McLachlan could prove explosive.

Hellas-Hakoah supreme Jim Adam has won a berth at left back. The astute Kis reasons that Adam will be able to find enough room to sneak into sniping positions up front, where Adam believes he belongs. Some people have described Adam's tackling as "barbaric" and there's a rumor going round that Adam and McLachlan don't pass the ball to each other anymore.

Ernie Merrick from Doveton is one of the babies of the side. He's still learning his trade so his job is to carry the blackboard for McLachlan and Munro. This season is rumored to be Merrick's last in State League. The tip is that he could be seen in First Division circles in 1983.

The trump card in Kis's hand is midfield general Tony Boggi from Juventus. Like lesser known counterpart Socrates of Brazil, Boggi has sworn to give up smoking. Boggi's vision is well known. After signing eight new players earlier this season Boggi had no hesitation in saying that Juventus would be better than last year.



Kaz Kowalec — being revived

Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug likes Boggi, so don't be surprised to see the godfather of the coaching fraternity lining up for Australia. In the early 1970's Boggi twice was selected for national team duty and figured prominently in Australia's win over touring Scottish giant Glasgow Rangers. Surprisingly fit (when not smoking), this gentle giant is rumored to be signing next year with either Falkner, Werribee, Thomastown, Es-



Tony Boggi (left) doing a Socrates. Bobby McLachlan — sprucing up for the camera.

sendon, Triestina, Nunawading United, Bulleen, Regent, West Brunswick or Vermont.

Dave O'Connor from Morwell Falcons isn't happy. Maybe he's heard the rumors about McLachlan. This will o' the wisp midfielder survived a petition circulating earlier this year which tried to stop O'Connor from playing in the coaches' 11. It's known that this club isn't keen to release him for playing duties but O'Connor's adamant that he will line up alongside Boggi.

Give coach Kis his due. He withstood pressure from the technical committee to put Frankston's City Harry Chalkitis on the bench. Arguing that anyone who coaches Slavia and Frankston within three years deserves a change of luck, Kis won out and has given Chalkitis a chance to make a name for himself. It's known that recently Chalkitis was in secret training with a club in the Bayside League.

The strike force of the coaches' 11 could prove a master stroke. Kis and the technical committee have put together a western suburbs combine with Sunshine's Siamese twins, Steve Gaw and Ray Pocock, as centre forwards flanked by wily Kaz Kowalec of Polonia and Tony Vella of George Cross.

Kowalec was overjoyed about his selection. Muttering something about "showing Marshal, Przybyla and Lalic how to score" he was first out onto the training track last week. He also was first to go back inside. Kis and the technical committee are confident that Kowalec can be revived in time for the match.

Gaw-Pocock couldn't make his mind up which position he preferred. He was sensational in the two-legged sprints at training but during the team talk kept interrupting himself and arguing that he should play either centre half or centre forward.

Norm Maitland firmly denied rumors that he lobbied for Vella's inclusion in the starting line-up.

Vella was selected after lengthy discussion between coach Kis and technical committee chairman Alf Zahra. Northcote's Billy Millen was relegated to the substitute's bench for disciplinary reasons. Millen suggested at training that the side be scrapped and 11 coaches imported from Northern Ireland. He made matters even worse when Kis told an Irish joke and Millen was the only member of the squad who didn't laugh.



# Passerella, Susic, Mueller, Edinho join Italian clubs but none can match ...

## Boniek: world XI, then mutiny

By  
PAUL  
MOON

Once again Poland surprised and delighted many with their World Cup performance. In the process midfielder star Zbigniew Boniek cemented his position alongside the greats of contemporary soccer.

Born in Bydgoszcz on March 3, 1956, Boniek came into a footballing family, his father being a stalwart of the Polonia Bydgoszcz club.

It was much to the dismay of Boniek's father when his 12-year-old son joined local rival Zawisza, with whom five years were spent before linking with Widzew Lodz.

Just three seasons earlier Widzew was a floundering, obscure regional outfit, but had fought its way into the Second Division of Poland's national league.

Boniek immediately gained a first team place and played a vital part in the continued climb.

Promoted to Division One in 1975, Widzew was runner-up two years later. This enabled it to qualify for the UEFA Cup, in which it surprisingly eliminated Manchester City.

Boniek was now a full international, having made his debut against Argentina in Chorzow. Poland lost that game 1-2 and was to taste defeat in each of its next four encounters.

Fortunately recovery came in sufficient time to gain qualification for the 1978 World Cup finals, where Boniek scored two goals against Tunisia and generally enjoyed a fine tournament.

The backbone of that magnificent Polish combination which had been Olympic champion in 1972 and placed third at the World Cup two years later were now approaching the veteran stage. Boniek, the best of the new breed, was expected to shoulder a great deal of responsibility as the side was rebuilt.

His Mundial performances earned him the Polish Footballer of the Year title in 1978. During the following year he not only retained the award, but also starred in the Rest of the World XI which defeated Argentina on the first anniversary of its World Cup triumph.

On the pedestal he has lived up to all expectations — and more. Off it there have been problems.

After a European Championship encounter with Holland in October, 1979,



Zbigniew Boniek races past Ephrem Mbom of Cameroon during the World Cup.

Boniek got himself involved in a scuffle with journalists. That indiscretion earned a six-month ban from international soccer.

He had only just returned to duty for Poland when trouble raised its head again.

As the Polish players assembled at Warsaw airport prior to departing for a World Cup qualifying tie in Malta, goalkeeper Josef Mlynarczyk appeared on the scene obviously drunk and was ordered home by team manager Ryszard Kulesza.

Boniek sprang to the defence of his Widzew teammate and gave Kulesza the ultimatum: "Unless Mlynarczyk travels, I don't!"

Poland's federation did not take too kindly to what it termed "mutiny" and this time the penalty was a 12-month suspension from all soccer.

Prior to the suspension Widzew not only had surged to the top of the Polish League, but knocked Manchester United and Juventus out of the UEFA Cup.

Without Boniek, its European aspirations were destroyed by Ipswich Town, but at home it gained a first league championship — after being runner-up three times in the previous four seasons.

Boniek missed the club's success, but his suspension was lifted after six months, enabling him to partake in Poland's 3-2 win in East Germany which guaranteed it a place in Spain.

For the past two seasons there had been considerable speculation about Boniek moving to a foreign club.

Manchester United, Arsenal and Juventus had all expressed interest, despite the Polish federation's policy of rarely allowing players under the age of 30 to pursue their careers abroad.

In fact there had been but one previous exception — Włodzisław Lubanski, the country's favorite soccer son, who spent some years in Belgium.

It is thought to be Poland's dire need for foreign currency which prompted the acceptance of Juventus' \$2,400,000 transfer offer.

With both Boniek and Michel Platini in their midfield next season, the Turin Zebras are likely candidates to break England's stranglehold on the European Champions' Cup.

Zbigniew Boniek will probably be an even more prominent figure in world football during the coming few years.

## Juventus: the new colossus of world football

Juventus Soccer club manager Giovanni Trapattoni is having to pinch himself to make sure he is not dreaming.

As the Italian deadline for transfer deals closed Trapattoni could not in his wildest dreams have wished for a more star-studded side to campaign in next season's European Cup and Italian League championship.

Besides the six first-choice players he has at his disposal who helped win the World Cup for Italy, Trapattoni can call on new signings Zbigniew Boniek, of Poland, and Michel Platini, of France.

As team managers and financial backers gathered in Milan for last-minute trading between clubs, Trapattoni said: "It is just enough to think about I hardly dare dream about next season."

Boniek and Platini played leading roles in helping their countries to third and fourth places respectively in the World Cup.

Boniek, signed from Widzew Lodz for \$A1.76 million scored four goals to annihilate Belgium, while Platini justified his \$A70,000 transfer with two goals for France.

Even without Paolo Rossi, under suspension for most of the season for alleged game-fixing, Juventus won the 1981-82 Italian championship by one point from Fiorentina.

Rossi's sudden return in Spain, where he netted all three Italian goals against Brazil, two against Poland and one in the final against West Germany, left Trapattoni delirious with joy.

Juventus transferred Irishman Liam Brady to Sampdoria to make room for the new signings. They will join Italian national players Dino Zoff, Claudio Gentile, Antonio Cabrini, Gaetano Scirea, Marco Tardelli and Rossi.

Italian clubs could now benefit from a new-found confidence in the national game to make headway in European football's three Cup competitions. Italy has not won the European Cup since AC Milan in 1969, but Juventus, spurred by World Cup success, will be keen to set the record straight.

It meets Danish champions Hvidovre Copenhagen in the first round.

The Italian Football Federation allowed first division clubs in good financial standing to recruit a second foreign player by the end of last April.

New signings include Daniel Passarella, for a reported fee of \$A1.18 million, from Argentine club River Plate to Fiorentina; Ramon Diaz for \$A1.47 million from the same Argentine club to Napoli and West German midfielder star Hansi Mueller for \$A980,000 from VfB Stuttgart to Inter Milan.

Avellino has bought Danish striker Soren Skov from Bruges plus Peruvian Goranomo Bardic from Nueva Leon in Mexico for a reported \$710,150. Chiari has signed another Peruvian, Julio Cesar Uribe from Sporting Cristal, for an undisclosed fee.

Luigi moves to Lazio from Sampdoria for a reported \$A1.08 million. Roma failed in its bid to tempt Austria's Walter Schachner away from first division Cesena, but secured Austrian Herbert Prohaska from Inter Milan instead.



Italian president Sandro Pertini makes a point to Paolo Rossi, who was presented with an Italian team jacket, before the World Cup final.

## Paolo Rossi: golden boy maintains his innocence

By PAUL MOON

The award of the Golden Ball trophy to Paolo Rossi merely confirmed the obvious — Italy's lethal striker stood unchallenged as the 1982 World Cup's most influential figure.

Rossi's penalty area potency transformed the Italians from limp also-rans of Phase One into ultimately worthy world champions.

The events of the past few weeks have been the high point in a life story so remarkable that an Italian grand opera could be based upon it.

Born in Prato, Tuscany, young Paolo was groomed for a soccer career by father Vittorio.

When 10 years old, the youngster joined local club Ambrosiana Prato. This was merely a stepping stone though. Soon he was on his way to Florence and illustrious youth team Crotolica Virtus.

The move was a calculated one. Vittoria, a Fiorentina fanatic of many years' standing, long had dreamt of seeing a Rossi wearing the famous violet jersey. Now Paolo would be idealing his talents on their doorstep.

Juventus was the only major club to display any interest though and in 1972 it paid Crotolica \$20,000 to bring Rossi north.

For three years he was confined to the "Zebras" youth team. Not only did first team football prove elusive, but a succession of knee injuries threatened prematurely to end his career.

Three operations resulted in two cartilages being removed from the left knee and one from the right. Believing his playing days to be numbered, Rossi started an accountancy course.

Juventus certainly had doubts about the Prato boy's future and decided to farm him out to Como in order to see how he would adapt to Serie A soccer.

The answer was: inadequately! Como fielded him in just half a dozen games, before returning the disillusioned youth to Turin.

Vicenza of Serie B was quicker to realize the potential though and made a bid, but it and Juventus could not agree terms. Eventually it was decreed that each would have half share in the player.

At Vicenza Rossi came under the influence of coach Gian Battista Fabri. Fabri instilled a confidence which Rossi previously lacked, refined his basic skills and switched him from inside right and occasionally right wing to central striker. Suddenly the goals flowed.

Twenty-one goals in the 1976-77 season projected into Serie A.

Forgetting his unhappy brief period at Como, Rossi easily adjusted to the higher grade of soccer this time and the goal glut continued.

Four days before Christmas, 1977, he represented "Azzurri" for the first time in the 1-0 defeat of Belgium at Liège.

Rossi finished the 1977-78 season as top scorer with 24 (9 ahead of his nearest rival). His small club sensationally snatched the runner-up spot.

Little wonder that Juventus decided it required Rossi on its playing staff after all, only for Vicenza to declare itself unwilling to relinquish the half share it held.

Juventus invoked a clause in the player's contract which covered such a circumstance.

Both parties were to submit secret bids to the Italian federation. The highest would secure the player lock, stock and barrel.

Juventus bid \$1,400,000, but Vicenza valued the half share at \$3,500,000 — a figure which exceeded the world record transfer fee!

Rossi was thus the sole possession of Vicenza as he set off for Argentina and the 1978 World Cup.

If Mario Kempes was the star striker at that Mundial, Rossi came not far behind, scoring three goals for a team

which finished a highly commendable fourth.

Italy's opening game against France marked Rossi's third international appearance. If he was a comparative unknown before the tournament, Rossi certainly was a superstar at the end of it.

This status was confirmed during the 1978-79 domestic campaign when he again was the Italian League's leading scorer; yet his club was relegated!

Rossi, predictably, had no wish to step down into Serie B and sought a move.

Vicenza remained unwilling to part with its costly acquisition, who was offered vastly improved terms — including a 25 per cent stake in the club.

The celebrated striker accepted, only for the Italian federation to step in. It did not relish the prospect of the country's outstanding young talent playing in a lower level during a vital period of his development.

Under pressure from the Rome-based body, Vicenza negotiated with AC Milan, Roma, Napoli and Juventus (I) with six million dollars being banded about as the likeliest transfer fee.

The Vicenza club remained reluctant and eventually a compromise was made. It loaned Rossi to Perugia for one year; the "cost of hire" being \$600,000 plus two players.

Perugia had gone through the previous league season undefeated, yet still finished three points adrift of AC Milan.

A concerted title challenge was expected to be mounted during 1979-80, but instead the club floundered in mid-table. This was inconsequential however as the lid came off the now infamous bribery scandal.

Rossi was reputed to have received the relatively trifling sum of \$2,200 from a member of an illegal gambling syndicate for his part in manipulating the 2-2 draw between Avellino and Perugia.

To this day he maintains his innocence, yet the Italian federation thought otherwise and imposed a three year ban.

Internazionale Milan reputedly offered the disgraced star a two-year contract as public relations officer, thereby giving him the opportunity to maintain a training schedule.

Uruguay's Nacional also displayed its interest.

The long-term future appeared reasonably secure than. Ironically Lanerossi Vicenza was the biggest loser.

It had borrowed heavily from the bank and sold its other leading players in order to secure sufficient cash to purchase Juventus' share in Rossi.

Unable to utilize its prime asset for two seasons, it was not only in deep financial trouble, but also in the Third Division!

When Juventus approached Vicenza with a four million dollar bid to finally secure Rossi, Vicenza was in no position to refuse.

In May of this year the long awaited Serie A debut in the black and white stripes of Juventus was made.

Rossi scored one goal and made another against Udinese before being withdrawn after an hour, obviously lacking match fitness.

Enzo Bearzot immediately proclaimed the rusty striker would be included in the World Cup 22.

Even the most isolated of hermits will be aware of subsequent events.

Rossi has been likened to Mario Kempes, who set the 1976 World Cup alight, but the Italian is unlikely to be a 12 day wonder as Kempes was.

With Juventus boasting six players who hold World Cup winners' medals, plus Michel Platini and Zbigniew Boniek, Rossi appears set for many more honors.



French captain Michel Platini tries an overhead kick at Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings. Platini, too, has signed for Juventus.

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Morwell Falcons first team squad. Back row: Andrew Halkett, Bill Whiteside. Middle row: Dennis Brabbin (assistant coach), Tommy Lackey, John Bond, Dave Wilson, Richie McClunie, Tony van Baar, Peter Diggel, Nigel Daniels, Noel Mitten, Sandy Irvine, Peter Viggiano (team manager). Front row: John O'Callaghan, Dave Perkins, Dave O'Connor (player-coach), John Higham, Grant Smart, Harry Bingham, David Neill. Mascot: Peter O'Connor.

## Falcons soar into Victoria's State League scene

Morwell Falcons not only carry soccer's flag for Victoria's Latrobe Valley region, they also are proving that clubs from country areas can compete successfully with the so called city slickers.

Falcons are a progressive club, having risen rapidly in the second half of the 1970s throughout Metropolitan League ranks and winning a place in the revamped 14 team State League this season.

The club is led by president Don Di Fabrizio. There are many hard working locals on the committee. However, it's fair to say that Di Fabrizio stands tall as the man most responsible for the amazing success of a club founded in 1961.

Former Canberra and Preston Makedonia player Dave O'Connor is first team coach. O'Connor previously coached Victorian clubs Richmond and Sunshine. O'Connor and his players are well on the way to establishing Morwell Falcons as a worthy member of State League.

Here are the players who are making it happen in 1982: **BILL WHITESIDE:** Goalkeeper. Isn't keen on revealing his age but could rival Dino Zoff. Formerly with Slavia, Hakoah and Frankston. Has tremendous reflexes and a flair for the spectacular.

**ANDREW HALKETT:** Goalkeeper. Understudy to Whiteside. Halkett is a local product with lots of promise. This youngster was signed from Traralgon in 1981. Tall and agile.

**DAVE WILSON:** Defender. Like Halkett, another local product. Wilson's forte is as a marker. He's young and played in the first team at the start of the league season.

**PETER DIGGEL:** Stopper. Diggel was signed earlier this year from South Australian club Croatia Whyalie. He's big and quick. Had a couple of games at left back early this season. Currently understudying John Higham.

**SANDY IRVINE:** Sweeper. Like Whiteside one of the veterans of the side. Made six appearances for Australia, two in full internationals and scored once. Coached Falcons with success in Metro ranks. Signed with Frankston City last year but returned early in 1982. Reads the game well and is good going forward though he seems to have curtailed this feature of his game lately.

**JOHN HIGHAM:** Stopper. Tall, strong and aggressive, Higham had many seasons as a full time professional with English clubs Liverpool and Southport. He played in Preston Makedonia's State League championship side in 1980 and was bought from that club this year for \$4500.

**GRANT SMART:** Defender. Played junior league soccer in his native Scotland before coming here and joining Melbourne Croatia in the 70s. From Croatia he moved to Green Gully Ajax and was a fine servant for the current State League champion. Joined Falcons last year.

**DAVID NEILL:** Defender. This terrier-like full back has taken little time in earning a big reputation in State League. He's a former Northern Ireland youth international. Joined Falcons this year from Bangor in the Irish League.

**HARRY BINGHAM:** Midfielder. Arrived here this year from Scottish club Port Glasgow. Bingham has an excellent work rate and his heading ability belies his diminutive build. He loves to get forward and is a fine crosser of the ball. He's in his early 20s.

**JOHN O'CALLAGHAN:** Midfielder. Signed from Ringwood Wilhelmia this year for \$4500 after seven seasons with the Dutch sponsored club. Like Bingham, "Cally's" work rate

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- 1968: Mecca Cup Winners.
- 1971: L.V. League Winners; Masut Cup Winners.
- 1972: L.V. League runners up; Charity Bowl Winners; Tara Valley Cup Winners; Battle of Britain Cup Winners.
- 1973: L.V. League Winners (Seniors & Reserves); charity Bowl Winners; Tara Valley Cup Winners; Italian Cup Winners.
- 1974: V.S.F. Provisional League Winners (Seniors & Reserves); Round Robin Cup Competition Winners.
- 1975: V.S.F. Provisional league Winners (Seniors); Round Robin Cup Competition Winners.
- 1976: V.S.F. Provisional League Runners-up.
- 1977: Runners-up Metropolitan 4th Division.
- 1978: 3rd Metro 3rd Division.
- 1979: Promoted to Metro Div. 2.
- 1980: Promoted to Metro Div. 1.
- 1982: Promoted to State League.

is high and when he's on song Falcons are firing.

**NIGEL DANIELS:** Midfielder. This 30 year old played with Macclesfield Town in England and joined Green Gully Ajax in the late 70s. He signed with Falcons last year and probably is the best ball winner in the squad. He also is a tremendous clubman.

**TONY VAN BAAR:** Midfielder. Also has been used up front. Even when he's in mid-field he loves to go forward. Very competitive, this tall, blond haired Dutchman came to Australia in the 70s. He scored a barrowload of goals with a local league side in a friendly and Falcons snapped him up. Winner of the Best and

Fairest award in Metro Second Division in 1980. The home town hero of the side.

**TOMMY LECKY:** Striker. Small and nippy, Lecky's at his best taking on opponents. He joined Falcons a couple of seasons ago before returning to his native Belfast. He had a stint with Linfield then arrived back this year.

**JOHN BOND:** Striker. Joined earlier this year from English club Swindon Town. His professional career started with Bristol Rovers and he scored on his first team debut with Swindon. Small and quick, Bond scored the winner in Falcons' upset win over Croatia this season.

**RICHELLE MCCLUNIE:** Stri-

ker. This tall, lean ex-Hakoah player once was described by Joe Docherty as "a male model for Bryant and May." Seriously though, McClunie is great in the air and his partnership with Noel Mitten gives Falcons bags of bite. Joined this year from Hakoah (Hellas-Hakoah).

**NOEL MITTEN:** Played with Bohemians in the League of Ireland. This former Eire youth international was apprenticed at Manchester United. He joined South Melbourne Hellas in the late 70s. Had stints at Albion Rovers, Frankston City and Melbourne Croatia before joining Falcons this year. Terrific accelera-

### Championship in 1984

Don di Fabrizio's just one of the boys after a game, not what you'd expect from a successful businessman and a dynamic club president.

Watching Di Fabrizio mixing with jubilant supporters in the dressing room after a victory it's hard to imagine him making the kind of cold, calculating decisions needed to succeed in business and soccer.

Morwell Falcons bandwagon on the road to success started rolling in 1970, the year Di Fabrizio joined as president. In those days there were only about five members on the committee, a far cry from the business-like bureaucracy which now administers the club.

"I wanted to give the local people something to see and enjoy. Back in 1970 frankly the standard in the Latrobe Valley was low," said Di Fabrizio.

"We found we had to make a compromise between signing Melbourne based players and using local talent. We give priority though to players who want to move here."

Falcons' magnificent social club on their North Crinigan Reserve complex is valued at between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Seating inside the plush social club can comfortably accommodate 520 people and Falcons have a long term lease on North Crinigan with the local council.

The social club is fully air conditioned and regular functions are held. Falcons also rent out the club to other sports and social clubs in the local area.

Di Fabrizio is confident that Falcons will be granted a full liquor licence by the end of the year. Presently the social rooms are used, on average, about two or three times a week. When they are fully licenced Di Fabrizio and his committee plan to run them six times a week which will of course entail a huge jump in annual turnover.

That jump in turnover could be eaten up though by a mounting wages bill should Falcons three year plan eventuate.

Already the plan is ahead of schedule. The club aims at a middle of the table finish in its first year in State League but the way things are going it's not unrealistic to tip Falcons to sneak into the top four.

Next year a top four berth is the main aim of the club. If that is achieved then Di Fabrizio and his committee plan a major assault on the championship in 1984.

tion, goals certainly are the name of Mitten's game.

**DAVE PERKIN:** Has been plagued by injury since joining from Ajax last year. Recently

had an operation to remove a growth from ankle tendons. He was a full time professional with English club Stoke City before joining Ajax in the 70s.

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# Didi Maradona join Petrovic at Arsenal, Menotti for Spain?

**Rudi Krol, the Dutch maestro with Italian First Division club Napoli, is rumored to be joining Arsenal. The Gunners almost snapped up Krol three years ago and if manager Terry Neill is successful this time Krol will link up with another new signing, Yugoslav World Cup skipper Vladimir Petrovic.**

Cesar Menotti is being loosely reported as ready to quit Argentina and take over as national boss of Spain. Present Spanish manager Santamaría is living on a razor's edge after his country's dismal efforts in the World Cup. Former Inter Milan and Barcelona boss Heleno Herrera, 66, is the man tipped to vie for the Spanish national team job with Menotti.

Leading Yugoslav football magazine "Tempo" predicts that Brazil will take over as host of the 1986 World Cup finals. The magazine tips the reigning Colombian bid to host the next finals to come to a standstill and says that Brazil will step in. "Tempo" also predicts the 24 finalists for 1986 - U.S.A., Argentina, Yugoslavia, Scotland, Australia, West Germany, Uruguay, Hungary, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Peru, Czechoslovakia, Algeria, England, Paraguay, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, East Germany, Cuba.

Wolves, in the hands of the receiver, are in dire straits. With debts of \$4.8 million they are hoping to sell Andy Gray, the Scottish international striker who cost \$3 million four years ago from Aston Villa, to Everton, while another of their goal scorers, Wayne Clarke, is poised to join First Division newcomer Luton Town for \$700,000.

Don Howe, the England chief coach, names this star line-up in the "Sunday People": Dasaev (Russia), Stielke (Germany), Oscar (Brazil), Junior (Brazil), Tardelli (Italy), Socrates (Brazil), Zico (Brazil) - Maradona (Argentina), Rossi (Italy).

Brazil manager Tele Santana has been offered a club post in Jeddah or Riyadh, Saudi Arabia which would earn him two million dollars for a two year contract. Three Sheiks and their entourage followed Santana around in Spain but so far the Brazil boss is undecided whether to stay put or go into club management.

Both Puskas and Eusebio have salted the World Cup. Puskas said: "World football is facing a crisis. We have seen anything that is spectacular and attractive - apart from Brazil." Eusebio said: "No one in the World Cup should be compared to Pele, Cruyff, Beckenbauer, Bobby Charlton, Moore or Puskas."

Peter Shilton, the Nottingham Forest and England keeper whose contract is nearly ended, is tipped to join Lawrie McMenemy's Southampton for a mere \$500,000.

Kevin Keegan and Diego Maradona will be in opposition when an all-star England soccer side plays South America in New York on August 7 in aid of charity.

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt sent a letter of commiseration to French

nian World Cup player has signed for Paris St Germain but will return to Tottenham Hotspur for the 1983-84 season.

Glasgow Rangers, who frayed veteran first team players Sandy Jardine, Colin Jackson and Tommy McLean, will have at least two newcomers in their ranks when they kick-off in the League Cup on August 14. Newcomers are Robert Prytz, the Swedish international winger, and Patrick Thistle full back Davie McKinnon.

Lou Macari, the Manchester United midfielder and ex-Celtic and Scotland internationalist, has hit the headlines recently. Judged in a newspaper poll as the best of BBC's World Cup panelists, Lou has turned down the lucrative post as player-manager of Second Division side Oldham Athletic preferring to stay at Old Trafford as a player. To cap his run in the news Macari recently went to a race meeting and won over \$2000. He picked every winner!

Despite moves mainly from England that certain rules and laws of the game should be altered the re-election of Joao Havelange as president of FIFA for another term of office is likely to ensure the status quo remains.

Soccer star George Best, still with San Jose Earthquakes, faces an action reply with the taxman in Britain after winning a marathon claim for \$34,000 last month. Best now faces another hearing in the London Bankruptcy Court by the Inland Revenue details of which so far are undisclosed.

Asa Hartford, the Manchester City and Scotland World Cup player, returned from Spain and capped an 18 month driving ban for having three times the limit when caught by the police.

Bobby Robson, the new England boss, and his successor at Ipswich Town, Bobby Ferguson, have quite a bit in common. Both are Georgians and were sacked as managers before taking over Ipswich. Robson got the boot after 10 months as boss of Fulham while Ferguson was sacked as manager of Newport County in 1971 after the Welsh club went a league record 25 games without a win.

England physiotherapist Fred Street called it a day and announced his retirement when he arrived back from Spain.

Drew Busby, the former Morton manager and now many clubs, is the new manager of Scottish First Division side Queens Park.

Gregor Kramar is now the most capped ever Poland player with 103 international appearances to his credit. Previous record of 102 was held by Kaz Denya who had a spell with Manchester City and is now in the North American

## From JIM COOK our European correspondent

Soccer League. Lato, 32, plays with Belgium side Lokoren and has now appeared in the 1974, 1978 and 1982 World Cup Finals for Poland.

Justin Fashanu, the Nottingham Forest striker, won substantial undisclosed damages against the "Sunday People" for allegations of a personal settlement. It was an out of court settlement.

It was estimated that over one billion people watched the World Cup Final on TV - biggest audience since the moon landing.

Brian Clough, the abrasive straight shooting boss of Nottingham Forest ignored by the F.A. for the England post despite having a great track record, doesn't forget the underprivileged and the sick. Clough recently won a \$4000 libel action against Times Newspapers and immediately handed the full cheque to Derbyshire Childrens Hospital to help them buy a much needed \$25,000 microscope for eye operations.

David McCreery, one of the Northern Ireland successes in the World Cup now with Tulsa Roughnecks in the North American Soccer League, may return to England. If Emyln Hughes, the former Liverpool and England captain now manager of Rotherham United, can find \$300,000 for his transfer, McCreery was a top player with both Manchester United and Queens Park Rangers before going to America.

Jimmy Lumsden, coach of Celtic youth side for the past four years, has been appointed assistant to new Leeds United manager Eddie Gray. Lumsden, 34, spent seven years with the Yorkshire club as a playing colleague of his new boss after they had both gone south 19 years ago as apprentice pros with Leeds.

Joe Royle, the former Everton, Bristol City and Norwich City striker who had several caps for England and was forced to retire through a recurring leg injury last season, has been appointed manager of Oldham Athletic.

Billy Kellock, the free scoring Scottish striker of Peterborough United, will jump into First Division soccer this coming season with Luton Town after his five figure transfer to the Hatters.

The 11 strong syndicate of waiters and chefs at Angelo's Restaurant in Preston, Lancashire took the bookies for \$100,000 by backing Italy to win the World Cup. Bryan Robson, the England World Cup player, handed over the cheque to the winning group.

As I write a tug-of-war goes on between Leicester City and Motherwell back in the Scottish Premier League over Jock Wallace the English club's manager. Wallace, 50, who took Rangers to two trebles before going south four years ago, has been offered over

\$700,000 plus perks to take over Motherwell on a 10 year contract. Leicester is desperate to keep Wallace who has over two years of his present contract still to run but the odds are that Wallace will head back North to become one of the highest paid managers in Britain. Leicester is unhappy at Motherwell's approach to Wallace and will demand at least \$140,000 compensation.

for the finals. The journalists and reporters said they should have handed the money back.

Gerry Armstrong, star of Northern Ireland's World Cup success who is with Elton John's Watford is known as the "Judge" by his club colleagues as he was on the bench so many times in the team that he won promotion to the First Division and recently toured Australia and New Zealand.

The English season kicks off soon with the FA Charity Shield clash between Liverpool and Spurs and most of England's World Cup men can expect to face 60 games with their clubs by next May.

All but Forest keeper Peter Shilton and Manchester City striker Trevor Francis will appear in European competitions in addition to First Division, FA Cup and League Cup matches.

And don't forget the England programme of five qualifying ties in the European Championships away to Denmark (Sept 22), Greece (Nov 17), home to Luxembourg (Dec 15), Greece (March 30) and Hungary (April 27). Apart from Greece, the other returns will be in 1983-84.

No wonder they aren't looking forward to reporting for training at the end of this month and the inevitable pre-season fixtures.

While Argentina's Cesar Menotti chain-smoked all through his team's matches, Tele Santana, his counterpart with Brazil, has a manic aversion to tobacco.

The raging dispute between Italy's World Cup players and their own press is reported to have stemmed from the staggering payment the players received for qualifying



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Cesar Luis Menotti confronts the Press.

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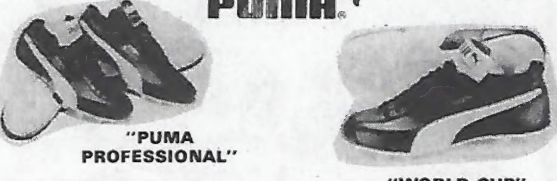


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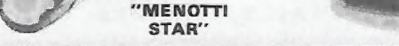
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## U MELBURN APIA POBEPIJA

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Za utakmicu protiv Apije JUST je prosto nedostajalo imao da se sastavi tim. Milne, Balic i SATOJEVSKI nose ozbiljne povrede, a Jovanovic je za preostale utakmice u Jadranskoj liganj sa nedeljom dana naigranja. Ni Hazaebert, ni Kojic, ni Simic, ni Pijevic nisu bili kako treba i kako bi trener Rusnic i trener Tundile zelali da ih imaju. Svi su naivni povrede koje su mogli samo da se pogorsale u ligi. Simic je u 8. minutu igrao i desilo mu je morao da nastupi teren i da zameni Kojica. Kad smo igraliista nepustati, Simic smo videli na staklima.

Naravno, svet koji je doao da utakmicu gleda to nije malo, pa su zato i komentatori igre bili jako nepovoljni.

Ne znamo u kakvim je raspolozenja APIA bila, ali ono sto nam je vidljivo bilo je tako malo i tako jedno da smo se cudili kako taj tim moze biti na sedmom mestu na tabeli Phillips Lige, citavh 5 meata iznad JUST-a.

Taj nabedjeni fudbalski tim nije imao nican pod nlimi bogom sto bi bilo vredno videti, oim jednog ko-metog i brkatoj starci koji je na kraju meca veliki trud i uspeh saose Peter Wilson i koji je svojim poljovim stvarno plasio decu oko igralista, a na terenu, cimlo nam se, rasledja igraca JUST-a.

Prvo poluvremena je prolo bez golova i uglavnom onako kako se to obicno desava na nederastarim utakmicama: lopta je bila ovde - onde i za njom su trcali svi radom.

## Jugoslovenska Scena

Kad bi je stigli, udarali bi je bez vruca i kocki odvajenja gola. Krivokulosa je skakovala da loptu udari glavom i stvarljivo se na leđa Apijih igrača i savijao ih u crnom zamrljanoj. Lujic, Pijevic i Kojic takmicili su se ko ce dace zadnja loptu u nogu ne skokuci leđa protivnicima igračima i sprecajavali ih svojim stvaricama da dođu do lopte. Jako interesantno, zar ne?

U 65. minutu igra, centar Apije Josua nasao se nepokretno i kako se i njemu citilo u ofensivi na tri metra od JUST-ovog gola. Bas u tom trenutku, jedna slusajno zalutala lopta se desila stena pred njim i prola ize igrača da mu stigne na nogu. On ju je spravao un gol, petakao de vili sta se sudije Fern odvojili, pa kad je video da ovaj leti prema centar igralista, pocao je da se prići i kubi sa svojim sugigricima.

Onda de kralj utakmice se razvalja ovako: kadgod je JUST krenuo na svoj ovako protivnika - a to je bilo jedno - svi igrači Apije igrali su kao bez glava u svoj bakovski prostor, letivši vauku loptu koja se od njih odvajala i trčala se da je udare sto jaca bilo gde samo sto dalje odatle. A kad se dvadeset igrača izmahnulo u bakovski prostor, kralj nije ni na jednom strani igrača, onda od igre na ostante nista, onde je to prevo "ubi Boze".

## I U DRUGOJ DIVIZIJI - BORBA ZA OPOSTANAK

U subotu je JUST-ov tim iz Druge Divizije igrao protiv Broadmeadows City-a na svome igralistu. I izgubio se rezultatom 1:0, ali on od opasnosti zadnja dva meca na tabeli ispadanja iz ove Divizije dele samo dva boda - JEDNA IZGUBLJENA UTAKMICA.

Da je ovaj tim slabacik, da ne igra dobro, da je u njemu nema dobrih igrača, da je u njemu skupljeno a broje dole daj sta da samo da se tim saveti, onda nas ova situacija ne bi cudila. Ali sa ovim timom nije tako.

Tim je laao odlono avo daz stari tim, tim Phillips Lige nisu pogodile brojne povrede. Ne kipi su se radili odjednom Lujic, Jovanovic, Kojic, Pijevic i Hazaebert zbog zutih kartona. A bolodovno gubak forme iz ovoga tima izvalio je Milina-tina.

Tako su odjedanput, takoreci preko noći, iz ovoga tima da tim Phillips Lige uzali sledeci igrači: Vletko Balic (uzali i sam pod povredom), Pede Simic - sa 3 postignutih golova golgeter sezone - Sulejman Goligvar, V. Stojekovic i Milićević.

Nijedan tim na ni mogao de proizati drucko ako bi se nasao u situaciji da mu se vise od pola tima



# JUNIOR

# SOCCER ACTION



• Baxter's globetrotting 'Baxteroo's' from left, back row: Max Hollow (manager), John Drew, Paul Stephen, Mathew Watts, Con Zylstra (coach), Malcolm Lewis, Russell Hammill (captain), Jonathan Watts, Judy Hollow (manager). Front row: Glen Hull, Simon Brookhouse, Mark Williams, Andrew Hollow, Mark Freeman, Craig Freeman, Willie Mehmman and Alex McNelly.

Coach Con Zylstra (kneeling far right) and team manager Max Hollow (left) pose with members of the 'Baxteroo's' youth soccer team on a visit to the Malibu Grand Prix track in Northridge, California.

The Baxteroo's, members of the Under 13 group of Baxter Soccer Club (Vic), visited the Malibu track on the final day of a 20-day trip to the US, during which they were hosted by the families of a Southern California youth soccer team called the 'Wildcats'.

The friendship between the two teams was formed during a visit last year to Australia by members of the Wildcats team, a trip supported by the US Cultural Exchange Society.

Lacking similar financial support, the Baxteroo's raised money for their US visit through a 7-month series of fundraising events that included barbecues, raffles, and 'casino nights'.

Robert V. Rockefeller, President of Malibu Fun Centres, observed, "We were very pleased to treat the Baxteroo's to an afternoon of fun in our game-room and our new road runner cars. They're a wonderful bunch of kids, and their involvement in a healthy, competitive sport like soccer will be an asset to them throughout their lives."

Baxteroo's coach Zylstra was impressed with America, and said: "Our visit to this wonderful country is a milestone

in the lives of our entire group, and we feel that inter-cultural experiences like this one are of tremendous benefit to everyone involved. We are grateful to the families of the Wildcats team and Malibu for the hospitality and kindness they showed us. There's irony in the fact that there is a Malibu Grand Prix operation called Village Grand Prix in Sydney, but we've never been to it. We had to fly several thousand miles to finally find out how much fun Malibu has to offer."

The team played three games against the Wildcats. It won 3-2 in a night game at Taft University, lost 2-3 and drew 3-3 at the Pierce Agricultural College, a good effort considering the boys were selected from three different teams, and they could not win against them last year at home.

They visited places like Universal Studios, Disneyland, Los Angeles City Hall, where letters were exchanged from the Mayor of Frankston to the Mayor of Los Angeles, and were also introduced to the City Council during a Council Session.

Baxter used sponsors who all advertise in Soccer Action. Ametco Travel, arranged tickets, passports, etc. Puma and Buffalo provided track suits, shirts and shorts, socks and three soccer balls, one of which was left over there, as the Americans thought the green and gold was just "ace".



## Baxteroo's feted in U.S.

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Shepparton's under-14 regional squad which contested the Victorian country championships consisted of R. Lin (coach), C. Alexander, V. Sfetsopoulos, C. Smith, D. Gialtani, F. Ganga, R. Vesterink, R. Quintano, B. Ladaes, T. D'Agostino, M. Corazza, I. Martin, M. Gunn.

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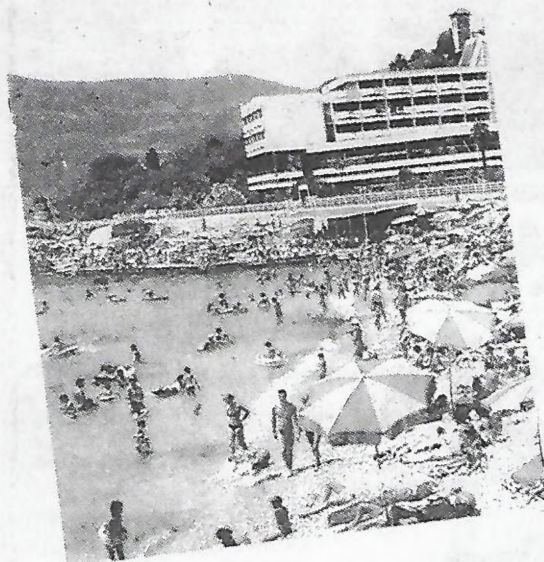
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Albury-Wodonga's under-14 regional squad consisted of I. Kohler, C. Haberec, D. Carlov, D. Tams, C. Daly, W. Oliver, M. Boyer, J. Pierpoint, M. Love, P. Rosewarne, P. Gardiner, J. Randall, K. Carlov (manager), P. Dodd (coach).

## BUFFALO SPORTS BOYS

Tony Caruana (pictured left), and Ben Boxshall (right) are our Buffalo Sports Junior Clubmen of the Week.

Tony, 14, has been with East Bentleigh for eight seasons and his favorite position is sweeper.

The big strengths of Tony's game are his heading ability and an exceptionally long throw-in.

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Ben, 11, plays in the Bendigo Junior Soccer League with YMCA. He's in the club's Under-12A side, Panthers, and began his playing career at sub-junior level in 1979.

Ben captained the YMCA Panthers' Under-10 side which finished runner-up in its league.

This year he won selection in the Bendigo region's country side which went through the country Under-12 titles undefeated.

Ben will be eligible for regional selection at this level next year and is looking forward to his selection in the Victorian country team to take on Melbourne's Under-12 regional champ.

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# We'll knock off Sydney City says McMillan

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg captain arthur McMillan has predicted victory over League leader Sydney City, but Wollongong's grip on third place is precarious because of the suspension of two star players.

Player-coach Chris Dunleavy and brilliant centre back Arno Bertogna were shown the yellow card against St George and with their penalty points now above the limit, they will miss Wollongong's home match against Adelaide City on Sunday.

It's hard to imagine any team in the league being affected so devastatingly by suspensions, as Dunleavy and Bertogna are among the finest players in the PSL and certainly the anchor men of the Wollongong team.

Adelaide City, bolstered by British recruit Leslie Carter, will probably rely as usual on its sound defence and hope to catch Wollongong on the break. Adelaide is desperate for points to avoid relegation and may just snatch them in this match.

Heidelberg beat Sydney City at the Olympic Village last time they met. Although that victory was somewhat lucky, McMillan had no doubts that his team would win again after last Sunday's 2-0 victory over South Melbourne Hellas.

Certainly the Heidelberg defence never has played better than it did in this match, and if it repeats the form, it may just keep John Kosmina, David Mitchell and Ken Boden scoreless.

Jim Campbell is in top form again, linking up brilliantly with Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, and if all three give it all they've got, they may just break down the mighty Sydneysiders.

It won't be easy, though, as Sydney City, despite the occasional loss of points, certainly is the best team in Australia.

Peter Sharne's four-week guest stint with Marconi ended when he scored a goal against Makedonia at Connor Reserve.

Sharne gave Marconi value for money over those four weeks, but he is heading back to Hong Kong to join his club, Eastern, for a two-week tour of Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Makedonia's players are gritting their teeth in determination in preparation for every game. They snatched a draw last Sunday and hope to make it two this time, with Claude Lucchesi, Gary Ward and Doug Brown reunited in attack after Lucchesi's recent absence due to illness.

APIA has been strengthened by the return of coach Peter Wilson to the defence, and by the good form of young full back Paul Carter. Their strength is likely to give APIA another two points, at the expense of Canberra, in its renewed bid to reach the top four.

What is wrong with Canberra is anyone's guess. It has excellent players in Gary Byrne, Tony Brennan, Ian Purdie, George Christopoulos and Ian Gibson but it has slumped inexplicably to near the relegation zone. The players must look inside themselves for the solution. They have what it takes, so it's up to them to show it.

Sydney Olympic was lucky to escape defeat to Brisbane City last week, as City had a late goal disallowed. At home in Sydney, though, Olympic should have too many big guns for Brisbane Lions. Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, Mark Koussas and Jim Redfern hold the key to this match and it is they who will have to produce all they have to outscore Lions.

I say outscore because I don't think the Olympic defence is capable of preventing Billy Williamson, Calvin Daunt and Ron Millman from scoring at least once.

Footscray JUST is hoping to have striker Paul Simic back for its match against Brisbane City in Brisbane. Simic, JUST's top scorer, was injured after only eight minutes against APIA last Sunday.

Brisbane City is picking up points regularly. The team has found new fighting spirit, and will start favorite against JUST.

Newcastle too is playing with new venom, and should have beaten Sydney City last week, rather than drawing the match.

But against West Adelaide in Adelaide, it may be a different story. West Adelaide, after losing to JUST came back strongly last week to beat Canberra and know it has to continue winning to stay in the top four.

Goalkeeper Martyn Crook has had a nagging leg injury, and only if he misses the match will Newcastle have a chance of perhaps drawing.

It should be an intriguing battle in midfield, between West Adelaide's Steve Sumner and Newcastle's talented import Jim Hamilton.

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest last week expressed interest in South Melbourne's transfer-listed midfielder Jim Shirra but no transfer moves had been made at the time we went to Press.

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

**IN WOLLONGONG**  
Wollongong v ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Wollongong Showgrounds.

**IN MELBOURNE**  
South Melbourne Hellas v ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST at Middle Park.

Preston Makedonia v Marconi-Datsun (draw) at Connor Reserve.

**IN SYDNEY**  
Sydney City Hakoah v Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Sydney Athletic Field.

APIA-LEICHHARDT v Canberra City at Lambert Park.  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Brisbane Lions at Pratten Park.

**IN ADELAIDE**  
WEST ADELAIDE v Newcastle UK United at Hindmarsh Stadium.

**IN BRISBANE**  
BRISBANE CITY v Footscray JUST at Spencer Park.

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## PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets.

		HOME			AWAY				
		W	D	L	W	D	L	Gls	Pts
1.	(1) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	8	2	1	7	3	3	24:12	51:23 35
2.	(2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	9	2	1	2	3	5	15:22	39:30 29
3.	(3) WOLLONGONG	7	1	3	17	5	2	15:22	32:36 27
4.	(5) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS	7	2	3	26	10	4	15:20	40:30 26
5.	(4) Sydney Olympic	5	1	6	21	6	3	22:17	43:34 26
6.	(6) Heidelberg-Alexander	8	3	2	23	2	3	12:18	35:32 26
7.	(7) APIA-Leichhardt	6	3	3	20	4	5	19:25	39:45 26
8.	(9) Marconi-Datsun	7	2	3	27	3	7	9:17	36:31 24
9.	(8) South Melbourne Hellas	6	3	2	21	4	7	16:19	37:31 23
10.	(10) Preston Makedonia	5	4	3	20	5	5	10:20	30:35 23
11.	(11) Brisbane Lions	6	2	4	21	1	6	13:20	34:33 22
12.	(12) Adelaide C. Juventus	3	7	2	14	2	7	13:18	29:29 20
13.	(13) Footscray JUST	2	6	4	15	3	4	15:22	30:36 20
14.	(14) Canberra City	3	4	6	13	2	5	4	12:20 30:43 19
15.	(15) Newcastle KB United	3	5	4	17	3	1	8	16:27 33:45 18
16.	(16) Brisbane City	4	6	2	21	1	2	9	7:31 28:47 18

# PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Figures in brackets denotes total appearances in this team.

**PRESTON (1)**  
(W'gong)

<b>McMILLAN (1)</b> (h'berg)	<b>HENDERSON (4)</b> (Marconi)	<b>JONES (2)</b> (Makedonia)	<b>LIDDELL (3)</b> (Brisb. City)
<b>ROBERTSON (1)</b> (Newcastle)	<b>PIMBLETT (2)</b> (Brisb. C)	<b>J. CAMPBELL</b> (H'berg)	<b>MANOU (1)</b> (Adel. C)
<b>SLATER (1)</b> (St George)	<b>MARTON (8)</b> (St. George)		

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  - 9. Brown (Mak), J. Nyskohus (AC), Cotton (W), Jankovics (Marc).
  - 8. Barton (St.G), Millman (BL), Simic (JUST), Redfern (SO).
  - 7. Slater (St.G), Buljevic (SM), Lowe (Newc), Bradley (APIA), Patikas (SC), Purdie (Can).

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# Sharne leaves on a high note

**Marconi 1  
Bris Lions 1**

Scorers: Sharne (M), Hogg (B).  
Ground: Marconi Stadium.  
Crowd: 2119.  
Referee: G. Power 8.  
Yellow cards: Ferris, McKimming.  
MARCONI: Maher 7, Bozanic 8, Degney 7, Henderson 8, Praskalo 7, Calderan 7, Sharne 7, Viet 7, Hunter 7, Budini 7, Licata 6 (Silva 45' - 7).

**BRISBANE LIONS:** Scanlan 7, McKimming 7, Niven 7, Ferris 7, Bennett 7, Angere 8, Hogg 7, Williamson 8, Millman 6, Daunt 6, Wright 6.

Peter Sharne, once the idol of the Marconi crowd did not contribute to the inflated stands at Bossley Park, but certainly made his mark on the game by scoring the equaliser which should keep Marconi in touch with the top four.

His goal came after only seven minutes of the second half and signalled the onslaught that was to follow by the home side. Following a free kick to Marconi it was



Alex Vesic

Tony Henderson who slammed a great shot goalwards. Scanlan made the save but could not hold the ball and it rolled out to the 16 metre line for Sharne to slam it back, wide of the keeper.

Brisbane Lions, under seige for most of the second half, had most of the play during the first period scoring in the 34th minute following a long through ball by Bobby Ferris. The ball fell kindly for Steven Hogg and he wasted no time to give the ball a "long toe" which finished wide of Alan Maher.

During this first period, it was difficult to assume that Marconi could come back and dominate play. Lions looked to be by far the more positive unit, tearing holes at the back of Marconi's line-up. Billy Wil-

liamson had a couple of opportunities and Calvin Daunt could have done better with his header midway during the first half.

In fact had Lions lead by three goals, I do not think you could have found a Marconi supporter who would have felt robbed. A few cat-calls for Marconi's inability to penetrate up front were heard during the first half, then the tide turned.

Dom Kapetanovic decided to use Hilton Silva instead of Rene Licata and things took a drastic change. Silva showed far more enterprise than his young team mate and was instrumental in setting up the best move of the game.

From well within his own half Silva came forward beating two players on the way. As another appoint approached Silva pushed the ball wide to Sharne who raced away from McKimming before crossing for Hunter inside the area and some six metres from goal. Eager to score, Hunter poked at the ball missing the goal by a good six to seven metres!

Eager to help, not only his defence but also the attack, Silva was instrumental to Marconi's revival. Henderson took control of midfield and Viet's passes started to find the mark.

At the other end, Atmore, Hogg and Williamson, the dominant forces behind Lions' play in the first period, became more subdued and defensive minded. With so much of the play going for them, it was Marconi who should have piled up at least three in this period, but failed to capitalise and Lions took a deserved point.

It is worth noting that this game proved yet again that you do not necessarily have to attack to win. Whilst Marconi hammered away during the second half missing chance after chance Lions certainly had their share of luck, then came the last minute and the visitors were in attack.

Williamson was the recipient of along cross from the left and also of a great chance to score. He managed to turn Degney and create a shooting position, but Maher came out to block the shot and save the day.

## Heidelberg 2 SM-Hellas 0

Scorers: J. Campbell 5th, Cole 19th.  
Venue: Olympic Village.  
Crowd: about 6000.  
Cautions: Egan (SM), J. Campbell (H).

Referee: David Volland 8.  
**HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER:** Oliver 8 - McMillan 8, Yankos 8, Macleod 8, Tansey 8, Selemidis 8, Taylor 7, Campbell 8, Valentine 8 - Paton 7, Cole 8.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:** Laumets 6 - Bennett 7, Xanthopoulos 8, Blair 6, Nicolaides 6 - Campbell 7, Davidson 6, Rigors (Evans 6, 22nd), Halford 7 - Egan 6, Buljevic.

Heidelberg's two goals in the first 19 minutes, prompted Hellas to attack full-bore in the second half, but Hellas did so without variation of play, which suited the Heidelberg defenders line.

# HELLAS LACKS INNOVATION



By LAURIE SCHWAB

Crosses — when Hellas could manage them — were long balls forward, were dealt with easily by centre backs Charlie Yankos and especially Dom Macleod who reigned supreme in the air.

Full backs Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey cut out most of Hellas's flank play. Not only did McMillan thwart George Campbell time and time again, but he also took on Branko Buljevic.

Campbell deserves praise for continuing to play away — even though he did hold the ball too much. As for Buljevic, who had been pushing up well early in the game, suddenly did not have the space to do so any more, and spent most of the rest of the match doing defensive duties.

Hellas's organisation on the field was destroyed not only by Heidelberg's quick two goals, but also by the substitution of Billy Rogers by Alan Evans. Tommy Docherty probably felt his best chance of getting back into the game was to use an additional forward, but it didn't work.

It meant Buljevic had to make way in the middle for Evans, and operate instead on the left for most of the time. Carl Barney Rubble Halford, who had been pushing up well early in the game, suddenly did not have the space to do so any more, and spent most of the rest of the match doing defensive duties.

Little build-up play came from midfield. Certainly there were no midfielders slotting in behind the forwards for return balls the longer the game wore on, and if they tried to do so, they quickly were picked up by the steadfast Heidelberg midfielders.

Indeed, Mike Valentine and Theo Selemidis in particular had fine games in this department.

Hellas started promisingly, getting into the clear and angling a shot across goal, with Charlie Egan just failing to connect at the far post.

But Heidelberg went into the lead only a few minutes later.

Jim Campbell, a human dynamo as usual, barged his

way through the middle of Hellas's square defence, collected a rebound off the legs of Steve Blair, pushed the ball into space for himself and belted it expertly past Peter Laumets.

Hellas missed another chance to score shortly afterwards when Buljevic headed the ball down to George Campbell who drove it wide of the post from dead in front. Ken Taylor and Gary Cole started the move that led to the second goal. It was Taylor to Cole, to Selemidis who played a short through pass between defenders. Cole ran onto it, Laumets came at him, and Cole drove it past him. It was Cole's 80th goal since the PSL started in 1977.

Evans came on for Rogers three minutes later. Evans had been on the bench ahead of Steve Woodin even though Woodin was flown back from New Zealand for the match.

Evans, transfer listed some weeks earlier, tried hard, as did the other forwards, but the defence was simply too purposeful.

Hellas pushed forward relentlessly in the second half, using an effective offside trap to make up for lack of numbers at the back. Heidelberg, predictably, relied on counter-attacks.

One such counter should have resulted in a goal. Jamie Paton shot across goal, with Jim Campbell running in on the far side, just a fraction of a second too late.

A breakthrough by Cole also looked promising, but after he had shaken off Blair, he shot hurriedly over the top.

Heidelberg now is poised to perhaps climb into the top four. Hellas's chances are just about dead, with so many players forming a bottleneck ahead of Hellas.

But who knows, anything can happen in this thoroughly unpredictable league.

FOOTNOTE: Why didn't Heidelberg have more gates open? There was bedlam at the turnstile and fans got so frustrated they jumped the fence.

Gary Cole's goalscoring record in the Philips League:

	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	Total
	11	11	10	21	16	11	80

## Let's have home and away final

With the top four series approaching, the Philips League must revise its thinking, about how to run the series.

At present, only one grand final is planned, but if the two participants are from different States, one would be disadvantaged automatically.

The ideal plan would be to have a home-and-away grand final and for the winner to be decided on aggregate score.

The other solution would be to make all four teams play each other in double-headers in the various competing cities.

As it is, first will play second, third will play fourth, the loser of the first game will play the winner of the second game, and then those two winners will meet in the final — LAURIE SCHWAB.



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# Entertainment Plus!

## St George 2 Wollongong 1

Venue: St George Stadium.  
Crowd: 4123.  
Referee: Bob Moo 5.  
Scorers: Cotton (W) 35th, Slater (SG) 51st, Ratcliffe (SG) 80th.  
Cautions: Bertongna (W), Dunleavy (W).  
**ST GEORGE BUDAPEST:** Fraser 5, Sloan 7, R O'Shea 7, Barton 8 (Slater 46th 9), Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, Stone 6, Wilkinson 7, J. O'Shea 7, McDougall 8, Maton 8.

**WOLLONGONG:** Preston 9, Wils 7, Bertongna 7, Ainsworth 6, Dunleavy 7, Fleming 7, Wal-dron 6 (Gaffney 65th min), Adam 6, Treddinnick 7, Cotton 8, O'Connor 6.

The St George Budapest "entertainment machine" was once again in full evidence last Sunday, much to the delight of the large crowd at Barton Park.

There was plenty to offer — on and off the field — to make up for some of the eminently forgettable affairs we have had to sit through in previous rounds of the PSL.

The drama began with the departure, on the morning of the game, of highly praised Hungarian import Lajos Koritar for Budapest. Koritar isn't quitting the Australian soccer scene, although he was the victim of a nagging injury in recent weeks.

His abrupt flight was caused by the serious illness of his mother back in Hungary, but his wife Christina and young son stayed behind in Sydney.

Manager Frank Arok may rue the absence of Koritar, but he had another big name to call on in the venerable person of former English league superstar Ted MacDougall.

Ted many not be a spring chicken, but after about half an hour of settling in, the wily old pro showed he has plenty of good football left in him.

MacDougall was, in fact, deeply involved in the Saints' equaliser in the 51st minute, when his scorching 20-metre shot was parried by the Wolves goalie, Jim Preston.

Robbie Slater nipped in fast as greased lightning to slot the loose ball in the net.

MacDougall's supporting act in this instance — Slater and Preston — also were heroes of this exciting, fast flowing and tumultuous game. Preston was the undoubted star of the encounter, pulling off some magnificent saves, especially during the Saints' relentless second-half pressure on his goal, making only one mistake in the match.

This was a couple of minutes before half time when he

allowed Wilkinson to snatch from him a 50-50 ball bouncing around outside the penalty area. Nothing came of the chance and but for this small slip-up, the Wolves' keeper may have been rated the perfect 10 this week.

As for Robbie Slater, the day saw him down in the dumps, having been dropped to make way for MacDougall, only to rise to the heights with

a spectacular effort after replacing injured Mark Barton in the second half.

Barton has been one of the best men on the pitch until sustaining an injury and it says volumes for Arok's team that his substitute is someone with the ability of young Slater.

There were still others who did well, like former saint Roy Cotton, who opened the scoring to put the Wolves in the lead with a snap shot in the 39th minute: a well taken shot, but one which Mike Fraser should have saved.

Cotton was a constant thorn in the side of the Saints' defence throughout.

There was also the brilliant Dez Marton, a little slower

By PETER SCOTT

## MORTON STILL LIKES WOLVES

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Ken Morton, who quit his coaching job with Wollongong two weeks ago, denied reports this week that he left the club on bad terms.

He also denied reports that Wollongong was in financial bother.

"I was in charge the last time for the game against Newcastle and the lads put on a tremendous performance."

"I left the club because it decided to make the coaching position a part-time one next season, meaning I would have had to accept a salary cut of between \$8000 and \$10,000. This was not acceptable to me especially since there is little opportunity of getting a job in Wollongong which would fit in with soccer."

"I have no hard feelings, and I believe Wollongong is an excellent club."

"Our player strength is better than it was last year and with one or two more players, Wollongong will be a major force in the PSL."

"We hit the top four a year or two earlier than I had thought, but now it looks like Wollongong has an excellent chance of staying up there with the leaders."

"The club's financial position is as good as any in the league. Its player assets are worth about \$150,000, its overall draft is down from \$60,000 to \$40,000 after having paid all wages and signing-on fees, and although the club has lost the sponsorship of Westfield, chairman Laurie Kelly is negotiating with two prospective sponsors at the moment."

The club also is making progress with its own training facilities, which is another major step forward.

Morton is now back in Hobart, where he coached Rapid West Point before taking the Wollongong job early last year. He is interested in playing for the rest of the season — perhaps with Croatia — until he finds a new coaching job in the PSL.

## Amos besieged: but he's right!

Bris. C. 1  
Syd. Olympic 1

Scorers: Pimblett 60th, Koussas 34th.  
Ground — Spencer Park.  
Crowd: About 2000.  
Referee: Col Amos 7.

**BRISBANE CITY:** Pezzano 6, Tokosi 7, Hermit 7, Liddell 8, Perry 7, McVeigh 7, Pimblett 8, Hamilton 7, Connor 6, Bohan 7, Palinkas 6.

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Moler 8, Wilson 6, Rowden 6, Rogers 6, Ziras 6, Redfern 7, Raskopoulos 7, Koussas 7 (Kelly 72nd), Katholos 7, Jennings 7.

Brisbane City is to seek a ban on Brisbane referee Col Amos after a controversial ending to the 1-1 draw with Sydney Olympic at Spencer Park.

Amos and his linesman Bill Turkington and Ron Richmond had to be escorted by police out a back entrance to escape more than 100 volatile City fans who were protesting a disallowed goal three minutes from time.

Amos, on the advice of linesman Turkington, ruled a Bobby Hamilton shot had not fully crossed the line. A goal would have given City a winning 2-1 margin.

Hamilton hit his shot from the edge of the penalty box and it brought a brilliant dive from Meier who managed to get his hand under the ball and deflect it into the top of the goal. The ball ricocheted down and bounced on the line twice before Meier recovered and dived on top of it.

The ball never crossed the line as it bounced but the controversy arose over whether it rebounded off the crossbar or the roof of the net.

I consider I was excellently placed behind the goal to give a fair assessment of the incident and it is my belief that at no time did the whole ball cross the goal line. It appeared to me that the ball was travelling fast enough that it actually pushed up onto the back half of the crossbar, hitting the edge of the net but rebounding down. Had there been contact with only the net I feel the ball would have followed the shape of the net and skidded down into the back of the goal.

Irrespective of whether my opinion is right or not, for the City players, directors and



Ricky Rosso

supporters to blame the officials for the loss was only looking for excuses for the team's inability to play away chances.

City had seven clear-cut chances to net a winner after it equalised and if the players take an honest appraisal of their match they have no-one but themselves to blame for not getting two points.

Should the spectators have jeered Willie Connor after the match for trying to chip Gary Meier in the 65th minute when he had all the skill to dribble around him? Should the fans have stood outside the City dressing room for Joe Palinkas who in the 81st minute duffed a shot from two metres with only the keeper to beat? Or should they have waited in the car park for the number of City players who were responsible for the shots and headers at the Olympic goal which were weaker than some of the back passes Meier had been given?

Controversy apart the match was one of the most exciting seen in Brisbane for several weeks. Olympic was brilliant in the first half.

The deadlock was broken in the 34th minute when Peter Katholos played a neat ball to Mark Koussas who weaved his way past the City defence and slipped a ball around Pezzano who in a better day could well have made a save.

The second half was a different story. City equalised in the 60th minute when Frank Pimblett latched onto a ball which had rolled to the edge of the box after a Liddell shot had been blocked. Pimblett showed composure and skill to rocket the ball into the net.

At the Olympic fell apart. Players went into hiding and Meier was all but left alone in trying to salvage a point. Apart from Tom Gavin and Jim Ziras there are few players who can be given any credit for the point Olympic took home.

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# HELLAS SOS

South Melbourne Hellas has put out an SOS for a goalkeeper after Lou Taigeras had his left leg broken last Sunday week. Taigeras's injury leaves Hellas with only one goalkeeper — Peter Lamatis.

"We are eager to hear from any talented goalkeeper from anywhere in Australia, even if they are available only on loan until the end of the season," said Hellas team manager Leo Anzakis.

Goalkeepers should ring Anzakis on (03) 497 4443 (home) or (03) 359 4979 (work).

# Murray wants a loan of Boden

Canberra 1  
W. A. Hellas 2

CANBERRA: Howatowski 9, Orling 8, Murray 7, T. Byrne 7, Bryant 7, Stone 7, G. Byrne 8, Christopoulos 8, Purdie 7, Brennan 7, Gibson 7 (MacLennan, 80th).

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, MacGregor 7, Maric 7, Dunn 7, McKie, Atsides 7, Brennan 7, Sumner 8, McGachey 7, Heys 8, Honeyman 8.

Ref: P. Rampey.  
Cautions: Murray, Stone (Canberra), Dunn, Brennan (West Adelaide).  
Crowd: 1500.

Scorers: Honeyman, Sumner (WA), Christopoulos (C).

Canberra plummeted into the relegation zone with a 2-1 loss to West Adelaide after a bone-jarring, tough encounter at Bruce Stadium last Sunday. It was a match that was begun in the fiercest of styles



Peter Windsor

with many bone-jarring tackles.

The result was predictable — early yellow cards, two in no less than the first 10 minutes.

And there would have been more had not West Adelaide stunned Canberra with two goals in as many minutes.

They came after 15 and 17 minutes respectively.

West Adelaide's wingman Graham Heys, always ready to chase everything, saw Graham Honeyman unmarked easily 25 metres from goal and found his fellow forward with a pinpoint, squared pass.

Honeyman took it perfectly, looked up for a split second and then cracked the ball low and hard and it rocketed into the net just inches inside the post and past Hosowski's outstretched fingers.

Two minutes later West Adelaide's big New Zealand international Steve Sumner made it 2-0.

And it came with a Zico-like overhead scissors-kick with the ball floating into the top left hand corner of the net.

Canberra hit back through George Christopoulos's shot in the 52nd minute.

One would have to go a long way to see a better goal.

Canberra, of course, then were forced to throw everything into attack and risk the quick-break situation in a desperate attempt to get on level terms.

Time and time again they attacked — in waves — but couldn't find the net.

What's lacking? A finisher, a man of cool nerve to back the hard-running Brennan.

And coach George Murray is well aware of the weakness.

Last week he approached Sydney City for Kenny Boden. And rumour has it that Boden may be available — but only on a strict loan basis.

# What a farce!

Newcastle 2  
Syd. City 2

Ground: International Sports Centre, Newcastle  
Crowd: 2664

Cautions: Barnes (SC), Drinkwater (N)

Referee: Dave Nugent

Scorers: 7th Lowe (N), Tredinnick 42nd (N), Kosmina (SC) Penalty 50th Boden (SC) 67th.



Joe Lanzoni

NEWCASTLE UTD: Dando 7, Endacott 8, Tredinnick 8, Sneddon 7, Drinkwater 7, Mason 7, Robertson 4, Hamilton 7, Lowe 7, Jones 6, Senkalshi 7.

SYDNEY CITY HA-KOAH: Clarke 7, Cant 7, Robertson 6, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Patikas 7, Watson 6, Barnes 6, Borges 6, (Boden 62nd) Kosmina 7, Mitchell 7.

For the first time since Newcastle joined the PSL in 1978, police protection had to be provided for a referee here.

David Nugent was jostled after the game by angry spectators and had to be smuggled out of the ground by police to avoid further incidents.

The main reasons for the disturbance were two highly controversial decisions that allowed Sydney City to snatch a point.

Probably the most controversial and certainly the most critical from Newcastle's point of view, was a penalty five minutes after the interval for an alleged infringement by Roy Drinkwater on David Mitchell.

From our position in the press box it appeared that Mitchell could have been penalised for illegal use of the arms in trying to get in front of Drinkwater who was following the ball.

Kosmina had no difficulty scoring from the spot kick, thus bringing Sydney City back into the game.

Newcastle defended well in the first half and at half time had a commanding 2-0 lead.

David Lowe put Newcastle in front in the 7th minute after Hamilton had sent Jones away on

the left. The youngster rounded keeper Clarke and then a defender, before slotting the ball into the empty net for a well-taken goal.

Three minutes before half time Howard Tredinnick made the score 2-0 when he blasted a poorly directed clearance by Nello Borges from 20 metres right into the top corner, giving Clarke no chance.

The Slickers could not really put their act together in this period and Newcastle handled them quite comfortably.

Even after Kosmina's penalty, Newcastle regained their composure and looked to have weathered the storm, until Ken Boden who had substituted Nello Borges five minutes earlier, put Sydney City back on level terms with another controversial goal.

Newcastle players appealed that Boden was offside, a thought that must have crossed referee David Nugent's mind because he consulted with linesman Neil Jones before awarding the goal.

Play almost got out of hand from then on when players started to take things into their own hands, after the referee let some blatant infringements go unpunished when a firm hand was required.

Newcastle was well served by all its players but especially Endacott and Sneddon who did a good job in neutralising Mitchell and Kosmina.



Roy Drinkwater

In the midfield Stuart Robertson reigned supreme in the first half but in the second half the Sydney City midfield picked their game up and started to close space down, causing Robertson to fade slightly.

Up front Lowe took his goal with the aplomb of a veteran but apart from that the kind of service he received from his team mates made him an easy prey for the tall Sydney City defence.

Sydney City on the whole was disappointing, especially in the first half, which Eddie Thompson described as the worst football his team has played under his guidance, but even allowing for the fact that they did not play well, a team that can come back from a 2-0 deficit at half time to equalise certainly showed some character.

In general it was a game marred by bad refereeing.

# Hatunic may help

Foot. JUST 0  
APIA 1

Scorer: Jones 55 min.  
Ground: Schintler Reserve.  
Crowd: 1500 estimate.  
Referee: Fern 5.

Cautions: Hazabent, McBrown.

JUST: Ciric 5, O'Reilly 7, Kyrialoulas 6, Kondarios 6, Hazabent 5, Curovic 4, Iloski 4, Pijevljic 4, Ristovski 5, Simic (Kojic 9 min. 4), Lujic 4.

APIA: Parks 5, Carter 7, Wilson 8, Pullan 5, McAusland 6, Bradley 5, McBrown 5, Budur 5, De Coghia 5, Jones 7, Morsello 4 (Godzik 71 min.).

Yusef Hatunic, with over 10 years experience at Sioboda Tuzla and Partizan should arrive later this week to see out the season as guest player at Footscray JUST.

JUST's hopes of surviving yet another relegation battle rest on his shoulders if he is any good.

The club will have to go without top scorer Paul Simic who badly damaged ankle ligaments after only eight minutes of the game.

Sunday's defeat was the third consecutive home reverse for JUST and what made it worse was that APIA probably was the poorest side to have visited Schintler Reserve this season.

APIA had taken only two points in the previous seven games, conceding 24 goals in the process.

The goal that decided the game came 10 minutes into the second half.

Paul Carter set it up, overlapping from right back to meet a free kick and then



Peter Desira

centering to the unmarked Peter Jones to head past Milutin Ciric from inside the six yard box.

Jim O'Reilly was probably JUST's best player despite playing in the unfamiliar role of right back.

But the other moves JUST tried were not as successful.

Zoran Iliski took a surprisingly deep lying role which restricted his effectiveness.

Jim Kondarios switched to striker after the goal but his normal superiority in the air was nullified by Peter Wilson who lapped up the crosses with ease all afternoon.

According to one of the players, there were arguments in the dressing room before the match about using Vlado Pijevljic who was still nursing a pulled muscle and Igor Hazabent who had the flu all week.

Pijevljic could hardly move after 20 minutes and Mendo Ristovski was forced to switch to midfield to fill his role.

FOOTNOTE: JUST manager, Joe Savona, has resigned. He can be contacted at work on 339 5559 by other clubs.

# — PLUS! —

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They also seek to entertain, and with ever increasing frequency they are succeeding admirably.

Wollongong was worthy partners in this laudable enterprise, or would have been, if not for a series of rather intemperate and overly vigorous fouls and lunging tackles.

One must blame referee Mee for failing to stamp his authority on the game early in the piece and not only could he have produced the yellow card more often, but in the case of

the visitors' player-coach, Chris Dunleavy, he would have been justified in ordering an early shower.

The incident occurred in the 72nd minute, when Dunleavy committed a horrid tackle on Avid Skeen.

Unnecessary roughness should not detract from what was a grand afternoon's football at St George stadium.

The Saints may not end up at the top of the PSL table, but they will have a small army of admirers if their present pattern of performances continues.

# Hummell signs

Australian Under-19 squad goalkeeper, Chris Hummell, has been signed by Canberra Arrows.

Hummell, 17, is regarded as one of the most promising keepers in Australia and has been praised highly by youth squad coach, Les Scheinflug.



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# Wallace for Wollongong

Willie Wallace, who quit APIA two weeks ago, is not favoring to become coach of Wollongong next season. Wallace already has applied for the Wollongong job, which will be a part time appointment.

# THE BOREDOM CONSPIRACY UNEARTHED

Adel City 0  
Makedonia 0

Ground: Olympic Sports Field.  
Crowd: 1500.  
Weather: Fine and mild.

ADELAIDE CITY: Ferguson 7 — Russell 6, Flounders 6, Banfield 7, B. Nyskohus 6 — Marocchi 6, Malta 6, Manou 9 — Carter 7, J. Nyskohus 7, Rankin 8 (Signora).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8 — Opsies 7, Jones 8, Todorovski 7, Petrovski 7 — Flavoli 6, Whittle 6, McMillan 6, Luchessi 7, Ollerton 6 (Fox 79th), Brown 6.

Adelaide City produced another dreary home performance as it continued to keep afloat just above the relegation zone.

It conspired with an equally dull Makedonia which clearly had only one objective — to avoid defeat.

It is now a month since both sides found the net and it may well be another two or three weeks before they trouble opposing goalkeepers.

Not even the acquisition of English striker Leslie Carter could give City a boost in the goal stakes.

Adelaide City's dwindling crowd support will de-



Meno Toutsidis

crease even further unless it can get its game right at home.

Crowds will continue to be frustrated by the inability of a team to score goals.

City had their chances against Preston but simply squandered them.

John Nyskohus was the main culprit. Two good chances fell to him in the last 15 minutes, but defenders got in the way of both of them.

First he volleyed straight into a defender after a crisp move involving Sergio Malta and Chris Manou, and minutes later with Richard Wilson off his line, he struck the ball straight at David Jones who was standing on the goal line.

Preston Makedonia's only genuine opportunity came early in the second



Adelaide City recruit Les Carter (left) is foiled by George Todorovski of Makedonia. Picture: FRANK HOBBS

half when Peter Ollerton set up Claude Luchessi who blasted the ball into the side netting.

Preston's heroes were the defenders who reacted brilliantly every time City threatened.

Former City defender Jones, now settling in nicely at Preston after an unhappy stay at South Melbourne Hellas, marshalled the defence superbly.

His good form is one of the reasons why Makedonia has given away only one goal in its past three matches.

While City can look forward towards its upcoming fixture with Wollongong with some concern, it can at least reflect on the form of teenager Peter Rankin who seems to be close to breaking his PSL goal drought.

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## MAITLAND TO MAKE THE 'CROSS BLUSH

Green Gully Ajax is champion-elect for the second successive season!

The race toward the title became a one-horse affair last weekend, with Croatia going down to Juventus and Ajax taking care of George Cross in the Maltese derby. These results have given Ajax a six-point break at the top and all but assured it of the title.

Yet Ajax's record against Croydon isn't great and it will find Bill McArthur's outfit still opposition at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

How could anyone in their right mind go for Croydon here?

Ajax is at home, has two of the leading league scorers in its ranks in Gus Macleod and Paul Lewis.



Norm Maitland

morale and respect in State League circles. Losses to Wilhelmina, Falcons and Juventus have

Shattered Croatia's championship dream and shown this squad lacks quality of the great Croatia side of a few years ago. There also are question marks hanging over the discipline and organisation of the side.

A win against Hellas-Hakoah is a must if Croatia is to avert a slide out of the top four and re-establish its claim to the tag of one of the classier sides in the league.

Ringwood Wilhelmina still will be without midfield playmaker Joe Tront who damaged ankle ligaments after being fouled by Falcons' John Higham a fortnight ago.

Frankston's win against Sunshine suggests that Saturday's Jubilee Park clash won't go all the way of the home side.

The Baysiders probably will be happy with a point away from home and I think that they get one here.

Striker Kevin Wall is in fine touch. If Frankston can just get a couple of players forward to support Wall then it

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## OUR TIPS

	Falcons v Albion	R'wood v Frank	S'shine v Juve	Croatia v H-Hak	North v G.Cross	Ajax v Croydon	Polonia v Deves
TIM WHITE	Falcons	R'wood	Draw	Croatia	North	Draw	Polonia
LAURIE SCHWAB	Falcons	R'wood	Juve	Croatia	Draw	Ajax	Polonia
CRAIG MACKENZIE	Falcons	Draw	Juve	Croatia	North	Ajax	Draw
BILL VOLTEK	Falcons	R'wood	Draw	Croatia	Draw	Ajax	Polonia
LES SHORROCK	Falcons	R'wood	Juve	Croatia	G.Cross	Ajax	Polonia

## Two goal Lewis makes it 12 wins in a row

GEORGE CROSS 0 AJAX 2 (Paul Lewis)

GEORGE CROSS: Tachiris 7 - D'Alessandro 7, Scarri 8, Bilusic 8, Gamin 6 (Pisan 42nd 7) - Valla 7, Rigby 6, Kotevski 7 - Toul 7, Glider 7, Mizz 6.

AJAX: Derya 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Cannell 7, Hogben 7 - Vassallo 7, Boyle 7, Williams 8 - Macleod 7, Paul Lewis 8, Morrey 7.

Two goals to quicksilver Paul Lewis were enough to clinch this Maltese derby and give Ajax a near unassailable lead at the top of the table.

George Cross started out with plenty of fire, spurred on by the keenness of its young brigade. Two early shots from Bobby Toul went wide but just when Cross was getting confident it was caught on the break.

The ever alert Paul Lewis broke clear and slipped the ball past advancing George Cross keeper "Rocky" Tachiris.

Five minutes from the interval Paul Lewis struck again. Jim Williams picked up the ball inside his defensive half and took off on a great run down the left. The former Slavia, Heidelberg and Victoria player shot and Tachiris made a good save but couldn't hold. Paul Lewis was there to gleefully hammer the ball into the roof of the net.

Ajax maintained its discipline throughout the second half, keeping it tight at the back and giving away nothing. A measure of the defensive organisation of the champion is seen by the mere 10 goals it has conceded in 17 league games this season.

## Lecky v. O'Connor: committee to decide

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Bingham) POLONIA 0

FALCONS Whiteside 7 - Smart 7, Irvine 8, Higham 8, Neil 7 - Bond 6, O'Callaghan 6, Bingham 8 - McClunne 7, Mitten 7, van Baar 6 (Lecky 71st).

POLONIA Ostrowsky 7 - Liparski 7, Mila 8, A. Czarnik 8, Smolark 7 - P. Czarnik 7, Czolnowski 6, Przybyla 6 - Lakic 6, Krynski 6, Marshall 6 (Pichner H.T. 7).

As we went to press we were unable to report the result of an investigation by the Morwell Falcons committee into a violent clash between winger Tommy Lecky and coach Dave O'Connor after this 1-0 win.

All isn't quiet in the Polonia camp either. Polonia's executive committee met yesterday (Tuesday) to look into the heated disagreement at half time between striker Alex Marshall and coach Kaz Kowalec. Marshall was replaced by Michael Pichner.

Lecky and O'Connor clashed in the social rooms at North Crinigan Reserve and club president Don di Fabrizio was determined to fully investigate the incident.

Di Fabrizio said that if allegations against Lecky were proven at Monday night's meet-

ing then the little winger wouldn't play with Morwell again.

Polonia's short passing game wasn't suited to the bumpy surface of North Crinigan Reserve. The home side was more direct and used the long pass to good effect.

It came as no surprise when Falcons scored in the 20th minute. David Neil played the ball down the left to Noel Mitten who touched it off brilliantly to Tony van Baar. The blond headed van Baar crossed to Richie McClunne who controlled well, waiting for support from midfield. Harry Bingham gave the tall striker the support he needed. McClunne laid the ball back into Bingham's path. The midfielder's first shot was blocked and rebounded back Bingham made no mistake a second time from just inside the area.

Larry Ostrowsky pulled off a fine save in the 30th minute from a John Bond header and four minutes later a Bingham loader was headed off the line by Rick Liparski.

Three minutes before the interval Mitten played the ball into the path of John O'Callaghan who should have scored but shot wide.

Polonia had much more of the play in the second half but never seriously threatened the Falcons goal. John Higham and sweeper Sandy Irvine were rarely troubled.

try of his choice in Europe, flying Thai International.

Three votes are awarded to the best player of each club in every State League game. These votes are awarded on the basis of "Soccer Action" ratings and the judgement of the opposition coach. This voting format was arrived at by the State League management committee.

Ametco Travel also sponsors our State League Top Scorer award.

The leading sharpshooter for the 1982 league season wins a trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Leading scorers: 18 - Macleod, Paul Lewis (Ajax), Rigby (G.Cross), 11 - Brogan (Croatia), 9 - McClunne (Falcons), Latif (Croatia).

## MILA THREE AHEAD OF DRINOCZKY

Polonia sweeper Stefan Mila still leads Ametco Travel's Player of the Year award by three votes from Paul Drinoczky of Frankston. Mila has polled 24 votes so far.

This week's voting: Croydon v Doveton: Dobson (C), Webster (D).

Frankston v Sunshine: Drinoczky (F), Mussel (S).

Juventus v Croatia: Swinscoe (J), Faulkner (C).

Hellas-Hakoah v Northcote: Cummings (H-H), Kardamitsis (N).

Falcons v Polonia: Irvine (F), Mila (P).

George Cross v Ajax: Bilusic (GC), Gardiner (A).

Albion Rovers v Wilhelmina: Smart (AR), Carroll (W).

The winner will receive a trip to the 1983 English FA Cup Final or the coun-



# Fantoma's in the Alfa Romeo class

JUVENTUS 2 (G. Bannon, Incantalupo) CROATIA 1 (Brogan).

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 7 — V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 8, Donaldson 6, Hird 7 — G. Bannon 7 (Nelson 60th), Cunningham 8, Swinscoe 8 — Incantalupo 8, French 7, Henry 8.  
CROATIA: Blesky 7 — Adams 7, Antolovic 8 (sent off 64th), Donkovic 7, Perovic 7 — Faulkner 9, Murphy 6, Golevski 5 (Blavet 62nd) — Ratnovic 6 (inj), Dacic 50th 5, Brogan 7, Letif 6.

Juve's fightback from a one goal deficit and the 64th minute sending off of Croatia's Jozo Antolovic highlighted this entertaining clash.

With 17 minutes gone Ned Batovic headed onto the post from a fine Jeff Faulkner cross.

Six minutes later Ossie Latif touched the ball off for Dave Brogan who raced clear and smashed a fine drive into the far corner to give Croatia the lead.

That goal though only acted as a spur to Juve.

Fabian Incantalupo looked to have scored just before the interval but was judged to have fouled Peter Blashy. But 10 minutes into the second stanza scores were tied.

A free kick from the right found Graham French near the by-line at the back post. French headed back across goal and Ged Bannon headed in from point blank range.

Antolovic, who had been booked in the first half, was sent off for fouling Incantalupo. From the resultant free the ball was played into the Croatia area by Paddy Bannon and Incantalupo's header hit the bar and was scrambled clear.

Croatia could have won the match in the 78th minute when Vince Bannon tried to head clear, but misjudged the flight of the ball, sending it behind him for Latif who almost incredibly hammered the ball closer to the corner flag than at Juve keeper Alex Fantoma, standing on his line.

Juve sewed it up in the 82nd minute. Kevin Swinscoe's cross from the left was headed down by Stuart Cunningham to In-cantalupo who touched it past a defender then smashed the ball into the far corner from six metres.

The win was particularly pleasing to Paddy Bannon, transfer listed by Croatia late last year, and Swinscoe, who was discarded by Croatia after training there earlier this year.

The only bright note for Croatia was the delightfully skilful play of midfielder Faulkner.

Brian Ramus, manager of Alfa City, was so impressed with the performance of goalkeeper Fantoma that he's given the youngster a shiny, new Alfa Romeo to drive around in for a while.

The one sour note for Juventus came in the reserves. Big Irish striker Joe McGorry broke a leg and will be out of action for the rest of the year.

— MICK O'BRIEN

# KARDAMITSIS THE STAR

HELLAS-HAKOAH 1 (Cummings penalty) NORTHCOTE 1 (Constantinou)

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Fryzzer 6 — Wilson 7 (inj), Traffante 60th, Katsidis 6, Hanneh 7, Rooney 7 — Iliadis 7, Owen 6, Gray 6, Abram 6, Cummings 8, Ross 7.  
NORTHCOTE: Kardamitis 1 (inj), Lenciani 17, 71, Maitland 6, Provan 8, Boskic 8 — Nelson 8, Petrakis 8, Wright 8, Bai 6 (Tzavos 60th) — McCurdy 8, Constantinou 6.

A fine effort from 17 year old Northcote keeper Spiro Kardamitis was a feature of this 1-1 draw at Middle Park on Saturday.

Kardamitis has had trouble recently with high crosses but was excellent in the air against Hellas-Hakoah. The promising youngster is a fine reflex keeper and demonstrated this on at least four occasions when he saved shots from within eight metres of goal.

Northcote's Northern Irish midfielder Dave Nixon failed a fitness test before the game.

# DE GRAAF WINS IT

ALBION ROVERS 0 RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (de Graaf)

ALBION: Looock 6 — Carter 7, Munro 6, Cramsey 8, A. McMillan 6 — Rabby 7, Murphy 6 (Coyne 65th), S. McMillan 6 (D'Sylves 70th), Fennie 7 — Smart 8, Lloyd 7.  
WILHELMINA: Barclay 8 — Stewart 7, de Graaf 1 (inj), Brooks 75th, Lyle 7, Vennart 7, Thob 6, Gibson 8, Burton 7 (Gurney 85th) — Haywood 6, Carroll 9, Stewart 6.

A Billy de Graaf header in the 15th minute was enough to give Ringwood Wilhelmina the points at Selwyn Park.

Albion newcomer Kevin Lloyd was fouled on by three occasions by Wilhelmina's giant keeper Ken Barclay.

Twice within the first 10 minutes Lloyd burst through only to find the huge frame of Barclay spreading itself in front of him and denying the Albion striker from putting his side in front.

Wilhelmina stopper de

Willelmia's best was striker Joe Carroll who gave Albion defender Andy McMillan a torrid time.

Albion camped inside Wilhelmina's half for most of the second period and the final whistle was a welcome respite for the visitors.

In the last five minutes Billy Barclay pulled off two fine reflex saves to deny Lloyd and Bennie Ferrie from snatching the equaliser.

Willelmia stopper de

# Sekulski, Buchanan sink Sunshine

FRANKSTON 2 (Buchanan penalty, Sekulski) SUNSHINE 0

FRANKSTON: Petersen 7 — D. Whiteside 7 (inj), Mitchell 65th, Pys 8, Drincovszky 8, Stewart 7 — Buchanan 7, C. Whiteside 7, Cooke 7 (inj), Ormrod 55th 7 — Wall 7, Tutill 7, Sekulski 7.  
SUNSHINE: Mason 7 — Muscat 7, Lowe 6, Gramsberg 6, Taylor 7 — Bain 7, Waters 6 (McIlbert 70th), R. Nelson 6 — McCarthy 6, Pate 6, D. Nelson 7.

This win gives Frankston some hope of avoiding the drop. The Baysiders decided at the break that there was no point in hanging back, trying to protect their slender lead and inviting aggressive Sunshine to come at them.

Frankston coach Harry Chalkitis must have been well satisfied with using Richard Sekulski up front when the former Polonia player sealed Sunshine's fate in the 60th minute.

Kevin Wall sent Tutill down the left. The versatile Tutill crossed, Sekulski brought the ball down, cut inside a defender then crashed an unstoppable shot into the far corner from 12 metres for a great goal.

Ardeer equalised when Dykun sent a lovely through ball to Niff Christodias who slotted the ball neatly past Werribee keeper Dickson in the 55th minute.

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